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ON TO VICTORY By Frank Tripp, General Leader

Southern Baptists have paid more than one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars on their debts since July 1933. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club has raised approximately four hundred thousand dollars of this amount. We have turned the corner and are headed out of one of the most discouraging situations ever faced by any Christian group.

Our creditors will not be on hand at St. Louis as they were at Washington to tell us that something MUST be done about our debts. Something IS being done and the men and institutions to whom we are indebted are pleased with the progress we are making. Of course we are not doing as much as we should, and we are a long way from the goal; but we are headed in that direction and will get there some of these days.

It is good to be out from under the pressure that was embarrassing us three years ago. The success we have achieved has given the agencies a breathing spell. But more important than that is the improved spirit among our people. There are not many "sour notes" being sounded among Southern Baptists at this time.

There is no reason in the world why we should not press on to final victory during the January-February membership drive. With this conviction in our hearts we have designated this effort as the VICTORY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Victory membership pledge cards have been mailed to persons and churches. These cards when signed and recorded in the church files will be sent to the General Leader's office to be presented to the Convention at St. Louis. You will want your card to be among the group from your state. You will want your church represented.

What a holy thrill it would give Southern Baptists to see ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND BONA FIDE PLEDGES bundled together by states as an expression of interest on the part of that many people in the causes sponsored by our great denomination! Can you afford not to have a part in this worthy undertaking?

There are three things I would urge my fellow pastors to do during January and February:

1. Take the matter up with your church at the earliest possible date. Get your deacons to recommend it to the church. Present it to the W. M. S. Enlist the help of your Sunday school officers and teachers and the leaders of the Brotherhood and B. T. U. We do not need any new organization to put the job over. We simply need to use the one we have.

2. Encourage those who have already joined to renew their pledges at least for another year. Ask them to sign one of the Victory pledge cards so that their pledges may be included among those presented to the Convention.

3. Secure as many new subscriptions as you possibly can. Surely there are one hundred thousand Baptists who will want to share the responsibility and joy of completing this task.

Since this will be my last membership drive to conduct, I am more than anxious to reach the goal. The little that I have been able to accomplish has been made possible by the co-operation of my fellow pastors and other leaders in the churches. Let's join hands and hearts for

this final pull together. Encouraged by the success of the past, we press on to final and complete victory.

THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB December, 1935

Receipts	
Alabama	\$ 25,934.96
Arizona	879.25
Arkansas	14,131.80
District of Columbia	2,112.27
Florida	21,137.34
Georgia	38,072.01
Illinois	3,544.89
Kentucky	39,569.44
Louisiana	21,993.59
Maryland	1,182.35
Mississippi	30,416.64
Missouri	26,985.41
New Mexico	2,806.28
North Carolina	10,016.33
Oklahoma	22,652.41
South Carolina	5,220.83
Tennessee	45,034.53
Texas	66,859.68
Virginia	3,801.32
Direct to Executive Committee	13,163.78
Total Receipts	\$395,515.16

Disbursements	
Foreign Mission Board	\$119,331.16
Home Mission Board	79,290.97
Southern Baptist Theological Sem.	71,192.72
Southwestern Theological Seminary	55,672.81
Baptist Bible Institute	39,476.32
New Orleans Hospital	8,232.31
Education Board and American Sem.	22,318.87
Total Disbursements	\$395,515.16

Be sure your dues in the Hundred Thousand Club are paid ahead if you are a member. If you have not joined now is the time to get in. Give your name to your church treasurer. Or if nobody else in your church is looking after it get up a good club, send the names to Rev. Frank Tripp, pastor First Baptist Church, Saint Joseph, Mo. And send the money to Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson, Miss. \$1.00 a month.

Pine Grove church in Jones County is a country church and has adopted a program suited to its own needs. They have a Church Union, meeting every Thursday night. It is for the whole church, and along with a prayer and praise service they have group meetings of men in one room, women in another and young people in another. These groups are for study and training following the lines laid out for the Brotherhood, the W. M. U. and the B. T. U. Other country churches might find this plan to their advantage. Of course it requires leadership, some one who believes it can be done and has the courage to do it.

DR. B. H. LOVELACE OF CLINTON
DIED WEDNESDAY MORNING AFTER
AN OPERATION AT MISS. BAPTIST
HOSPITAL.

Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

This one thing we do, pay our debts.

WILL THE MEN HELP THE WOMEN PAY MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DEBTS?

The last session of the Baptist State Convention left the planning for paying Mississippi Baptist debts to the Board of the Convention. The Board left the planning to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee met January 2nd and adopted the Five Thousand Club and recommended it to the constituency.

This plan calls for five thousand members who will contribute one dollar each month over and above their regular contributions. The funds raised through this plan will be used in paying matured principal of the Mississippi Baptist debts. When all matured principal shall have been paid, any remaining surplus may be used in paying past due interest, but none will be used for interest so long as there remains any past due principal.

Five thousand members contributing one dollar per month each will give a total of sixty thousand dollars in a year's time. This amount will take care of both the maturing principal and the annual interest of the bonded indebtedness assumed by the Convention. The percentage to Christian Education from the Cooperative Program will retire obligations at the banks within a two year period, provided the cooperative receipts are what we might reasonably expect.

This means that after one year there will be no necessity for special campaigns. It must, however, be remembered that past due obligations from the year 1935 amount to \$35,000.00. If the Cooperative Program will yield a net sum of \$140,000.00 this year, the deficit for 1935 can be taken care of by Christian Education's percentage. So, the gigantic task before Mississippi Baptists this year is to secure immediately five thousand members who will contribute one dollar each per month and then to raise \$140,000 net for the Cooperative Program.

When the Executive Committee's decision was made known to the Executive Committee of the W. M. U., it replied by saying, "The W. M. U. will undertake to secure among the women 2,500 members who will contribute One Dollar per month each for Mississippi Baptist debts." This should cause every Baptist in the State to thank God and take courage. The women did not stop with this. They immediately elected Mrs. J. H. Anderson of Belzoni as State Chairman. They then elected a chairman in each of their districts. They did not stop with this. Their district meetings began January 7th. Their leaders went to these meetings with pledge cards in hand. Let the men bear in mind that the women more often go beyond their goals than they fall behind. The challenge is to the men to secure 2,500 members. The organization for the work among the men will be completed at an early date. The

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WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT OUR DEBTS?

By Walter M. Gilmore

There is only one answer, whether they be personal, national or denominational debts — **PAY THEM!** That seems very simple and self-evident. Yet it is not as easily done as said but, however difficult it may be, it is the only honest, the only honorable way out.

The question of vital interest to every Southern Baptist is how much debt-load can the Southern Baptist Convention carry with safety. At present the aggregate debt on our Home and Foreign Mission Boards, our Theological Seminaries and the New Orleans Baptist Hospital is approximately \$4,500,000, which though more than \$1,000,000 less than three years ago, hangs like a millstone about the necks of our noble institutions. Something must be done about it at once.

Why?

1. They are our debts. They were contracted by our representatives in good faith to carry on the work the Southern Baptist Convention had instructed them to do.

2. We have something to show for them. While these debts have been accumulating Southern Baptists have had a phenomenal growth in numbers. Their work has expanded as never before and their good influence is being felt throughout the world. We are not simply "paying for a dead horse."

3. Our creditors expect us as Christians to meet our obligations one hundred per cent. If we have the spirit of Christ we cannot possibly do otherwise.

4. Paying our debts will greatly reinforce all our agencies. The tremendous amounts paid annually for interest could be diverted to constructive service.

5. Because of our love and loyalty to Christ and his cause. We ought to give to the point of sacrifice to free these agencies so that they can do their very best and most effective work.

Southern Baptists now have the greatest opportunity they have ever had to demonstrate their genuine loyalty to Christ's cause and to win the admiration and confidence of the whole world by their simple honesty in paying their debts.

How?

By joining the Hundred Thousand Club. The success of this plan has been demonstrated beyond a doubt. It has already substantially reduced our indebtedness. Will you not be one of a notable group of 100,000 loyal Baptists who will bring this Club up to its maximum strength by joining it today?

Central Miss. Preachers' Conference meets in Jackson, at First Church Jan. 13, and not on the date given in last week's Record.

In 1934 Colorado had a gain of 3% in the number of cars and 200% in the number charged with drunken driving. There was an increase in every state, in spite of increased precautions. Repealing the Eighteenth Amendment was to promote temperance!!

Miss Inabelle G. Coleman, Educational Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, sailed Jan. 10, from San Francisco to visit mission fields of the Southern Convention in the Orient, will join Dr. and Mrs. Truett Feb. 28 and be with them two months in China. She will send to Southern Baptist papers accounts of her visits to these fields.

"When Do Teachers Teach" is a new book with an old title by Dr. Doak S. Campbell, professor of Education in George Peabody College in Nashville. His experience in this field qualifies him to write helpfully. The book is from the press of the Sunday School Board and is intended for Sunday school teachers and officers and all who are called to teach the Bible. It is an application of the principles of education to the work of the Sunday school. Paper 40c; cloth 60c.

THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

By John R. Sampey, President

"Owe no man anything, save to love one another." A growing group of Southern Baptists are taking this injunction seriously. The debts of our Mission Boards and Seminaries are our debts, and we mean by God's help to pay them as rapidly as possible. We invite our brethren and sisters to join us in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, a group of earnest souls who are resolved to set the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board and all institutions owned by the Southern Baptist Convention, free from the intolerable burden of debt.

Southern Baptists have a great deal to show for the money which they borrowed.

The plan of operation of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is simple and sensible and effective. The Sunday School Board of the Convention shows a beautiful spirit of cooperation by meeting every item of expense in promoting the Hundred Thousand Club. Every dollar paid by members of the Club reduces our Southwide debts exactly one hundred cents.

We are already better off with our obligation by four hundred thousand dollars by reason of the Hundred Thousand Club. I venture the opinion that not one-fourth of this big sum would have come to Baptist causes, if there had been no Hundred Thousand Club. The Cooperative Program has been helped rather than hindered by this movement to pay our debts.

Many Baptists are becoming debt-conscious and are resolved that Baptist credit shall not suffer through our failure to acknowledge and pay our debts. Many of us will be happy enough to shout, when the Club grows to a hundred thousand paying members. In fact, the Doxology will be in order when we get fifty thousand active members.

There are at least five hundred thousand Baptists who are able to pay one dollar a month "over and above" what they are already giving to Christ's cause. This means only one cent for each of our three daily meals, with five cents for dinner on Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Figure this out for yourself, and if necessary cut down the expenses for each meal by a penny, and save it for the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. Let each member of the Club become a recruiting officer and persuade five others to join.

Owe no man anything, and give all the keys to the Lord Jesus!

A pastor in another state writes that he doesn't know why every Baptist family in Mississippi does not read the Baptist Record, for he doesn't know any state in which they get more for their money.

Shreveport First Church broadcasts every Sunday night at 9 o'clock over KWKH 1100 kilocycles, including music, religious news, a brief sermon by Dr. Dodd and questions and answers.

Pastor A. M. Overton of Fulton is a versatile man. He preaches as often as anybody, shepherds a large Baptist territory, edits the Baptist Clarion, and then has time to write books. We have been privileged to examine two books recently coming from his pen. One is a book of some fifty short poems entitled "The Chimes of Dawn," and shows a genuine poetic love of beauty. These poems also carry a message as every genuine poem does. We rejoice that we have among our Mississippi Baptist ministers talent of this kind and hope that it will come into full recognition. The other book is a short biography of Elder Jeff. A. Rogers of Amory, with the title "A Minister of Christ." It is a life worth knowing and this biography will do great good wherever it is read. Brother Rogers has preached for many years in the northeastern part of the state, and has given himself sacrificially to the work. He is worthy of all honor, and this biography will in some measure enlarge and perpetuate his ministry. These books can be had of the author at Fulton, Miss.

BAPTIST CREDIT IS RE-ESTABLISHED

By Charles E. Maddry

Three years ago the financial rating of most of our Baptist Boards and agencies was distressingly low. Banks and bond companies had advanced millions of dollars on the honor and integrity of Baptists. Then came the world crash in financial circles and we were all in distress.

In the business and banking world, there were hundreds of failures and many of our people lost everything,—the savings of a lifetime. Our mission boards, colleges, seminaries, hospitals and churches suffered a fearful and disastrous loss in gifts and current income. The income of the Foreign Mission Board dropped from \$2,300,000.00 in 1926 to \$602,000.00 in 1933, a loss of \$1,700.00 in seven years.

During the seven year period, 1929-1935 inclusive, the Foreign Mission Board paid out the staggering sum of \$385,507.20 for interest on borrowed money. This amount paid out for interest in seven years would have employed sixty-one missionaries for seven years at a salary of \$800.00 each. What a colossal and sinful waste of money! Today the credit of many of our denominational institutions and agencies, has been re-established. Our debts are slowly being paid. The Foreign Mission Board has received the sum of \$117,621.00 from the Hundred Thousand Club. We long for the day to come when we can say that all of our debts are behind us and we can plan for the rehabilitation and enlargement of our badly shattered program of work in the fourteen countries where we have mission work.

Now is the time during January and February, for our people to have a part in the payment of our debts by subscribing to the Hundred Thousand Club. We appeal to every loyal Baptist in the South to have a worthy part in this effort.

Rejoice evermore! The Baptist Orphanage is now out of debt and has a little money in the bank.

Would you call this dramatization, pantomime, sign language or what? Scene, church; time, collection plate passing; dramatis persona, a man with a nickel; music, singing, "Here, Lord, I give myself away," and he drops the nickel in the plate! Sounding brass?

Rejoice with Pastor C. S. Thomas and the Itta Bena saints. In a short while the Sunday school is doubled. There have been 35 or 40 additions to the church. A substantial payment has been made on the church building debt. Twenty-five a month has been added to the pastor's salary, and they are preparing to send in a good list of subscribers to the Record.

Pastor Alton B. Pierce of Hazard, Ky., salutes his Mississippi brethren. He retains his love for the brotherhood here. And we rejoice in the favor of God upon his work in Kentucky. In the past year he has baptized 91 and welcomed 25 others by letter. They had to build a Sunday school annex to accommodate the crowds. There will be no debt. The membership is 750 and there are 2,000 possibilities. One of his deacons is brother J. E. Lave who went from New Hebron.

"New Testament Biographies" by Dr. Hight C. Moore of the Sunday School Board in Nashville puts into one volume the two books "From Bethlehem to Olivet" and "From Pentecost to patmos." The first part gives the life of Jesus and the second part gives a good treatment of the Apostle Paul, all briefly stated, but comprising the facts according to Dr. Moore's habit. The combination book sells for 75c. Order from Baptist Book Store.

Leake County Baptist Council meets at Bethel Church Jan. 17. Song service led by E. H. Blocker; Devotional by S. L. Stanton; J. L. Moore discusses What Is a Baptist Church; A. M. Langston, What Is the Business of a Baptist Church; Sermon by J. W. Burnette; Discussion of Covenant led by G. E. Gunter. The church is three miles northeast of Marydell. Deacons, superintendents and B. T. U. directors urged to come. Dinner served at church. Signed by Moderator B. F. Odom and Clerk J. W. W. Lyle.

GRATIFICATION IN LIFTING DEBTS

By Miss Kathleen Mallory
W. M. U. Corresponding Secretary

At the 1916 meeting of Woman's Missionary Union the Foreign Board presented an earnest plea for help in clearance of the Board's indebtedness. Among those who wholeheartedly responded were two women missionaries, each of whom laid on the altar her life-time savings—Miss Lottie Price who had served for many years in Shanghai, and Miss Marie Buhlmaier, the Home Board's representative at the Baltimore port. Their devotion kindled such zeal that the Union was a real help to the Foreign Board in that victorious debt-lifting campaign.

But then as now it was well known that missionaries are not obligated to clear any such debt, the responsibility really being on the membership of the home churches. In such churches are many W. M. S. and Y. W. A. members who have much of the devoted zeal for missions that characterized Miss Price and that still glows in the spirit of Miss Buhlmaier. These members know that denominational debts are distasteful, disturbing, discouraging, distracting, deadening. W. M. U. members may not be ready to lay on the altar all their savings in order that such debts may be cleared, but many of them will unquestionably give more than the average member in any denominational debt-lifting enterprise.

Therefore, pastors and finance committees need not fear to approach their W. M. S. and Y. W. A. members in behalf of the denomination's effort to clear its Southwide debts through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. The Union's records show that during the calendar year of 1934 W. M. U. members in fourteen S. B. C. states contributed \$74,100 through the Club. However well such a record may appear in comparison with that of the entire denomination, it is neither worthy of the challenging effort nor of the missionary motive of Woman's Missionary Union. Accordingly it is sincerely hoped that pastors and finance committees will so fervently present the plea of the Club that W. M. U. members will respond in a really worthy fashion.

Undoubtedly many W. M. U. women and young people will be deeply impressed during this immediate campaign by the unselfish participation of the many missionary speakers who by word and deed will prove the deadening power of the debts, and who will graphically portray the progress which could promptly be made if the debts were cleared. It is easy to believe that some W. M. U. members will be so very stirred by such impassioned appeals that they will think beyond mere membership in the Club and will give generously for its united effort. Surely any pastor who invites the Club's speakers to his church may safely count upon sympathetic response by W. M. U. members.

But the Club's primary purpose is to secure members and faithful payments as the months come and go. If women have one talent which excels all their others, it is fidelity in details. Oh, that W. M. U. women will during the present campaign exercise this talent by enrolling as members of the Club, by getting other women and young people to do likewise and by faithfully seeing to it that payments are promptly made!

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"Some of the good people who dine here," said the hotel manager, sadly, "seem to regard our spoons and forks as a sort of medicine—to be taken after meals."

The Brotherhood of First Church, Columbus, has a membership of 108, divided into six groups. They meet once a month, and have a definite program of service for the year.

Financial assistance for 100,532 students in 1,514 colleges and universities in forty-six states and Puerto Rico is being provided by the National Youth Administration at a monthly cost of \$1,503,795.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

By Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary

I.

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was created for the purpose of paying all of the debts of all the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is as it should be. No agency is discriminated against, neither are the creditors of any agency. The Club looks at the debts of the various agencies of the Convention as items in the debt of the denomination.

Up to November thirtieth, this debt has been reduced \$384,148.14 through the receipts from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. It should also be noted that this automatically reduces the annual interest charge by nearly \$24,000.00. This, therefore, releases that amount from other sources to be applied on the payment of debts or on current work.

II

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club movement was launched to pay, year by year, the debts of all agencies of the Convention according to their debt needs. This is a wise provision. This provision takes into consideration the fact that the debt needs of an agency may be more one year than another. And it also takes into consideration the fact that an agency with a small debt may have in any one year a larger debt need than another agency with a much larger debt. The debt need of an agency in any one year is determined by the amount it must pay or is under obligation to pay that year. This provision to pay according to the debt needs of the agencies undertakes to relieve the financial pressure where it is greatest, and thus give relief where and when relief is most needed.

III.

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was so planned as not to affect adversely the contributions coming through the regular channels. The Club insists that the offering to it be an "over and above" offering. If one cannot give one dollar a month without reducing his regular gift, the Club insists that he not join the Club. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club movement recognizes the importance of keeping up the regular contributions to denominational causes. There are thousands of Baptists who are able to make an extra offering of one dollar a month. Really are there not ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND who could do this if they would?

The receipts through the office of the Executive Committee indicate that the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club gifts have not adversely affected the gifts through regular sources. For the eleven months of 1935, ending November 30, the receipts through regular offerings, designated and undesignated, increased \$125,819.72 over the same period of 1934.

The purpose of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is a righteous purpose; its principles are sound principles; and its methods are workable methods. There is only one thing lacking to make the movement a glorious success: That thing is an interest on the part of Southern Baptists intense enough to cause them to respond to the challenging appeal.

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Fargo Oil Co. of Denver makes a New Year's resolution: to sell no gas to drunken drivers.

The Red Cross answered more calls for help in 1935 than ever before.

Judge Lindsey, long a juvenile court judge, says in the Sunday School Times: "I am a total abstainer. On occasions I have taken wine at banquets and dinners, and there was a time when, on the advice of friends, I used wine after hard work; but I think that was one of the most dangerous and most foolish things I ever did. It is only within recent years that I have determined to be a total abstainer, because I think it best for my physical and moral health, and because I wish to set a good example to others. I believe that every boy and girl should be taught to avoid liquor in any form, as he would be taught to avoid poison in any form."

NEW INTEREST IN THE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

By Dr. W. W. Hamilton, President
Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.

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The waters of the great river had risen until the small Louisiana community was threatened with all of the losses and horrors of the devastating flood. Armed guards were on duty night and day, and pre-arranged alarms were ready to call all possible help should the levee break. Already supposedly weak points had been fortified with bags of sand, and uneasiness was in every mind even though words of assurance were again and again repeated.

Early one morning the alarm sounded and every engine whistle joined in the call. The danger-conscious people responded, and lost no time in doing so. The women throwing some loose wraps about them joined the men in bringing sacks and filling them with sand and passing them on to those who placed them in the awful gash where the levee had disappeared in the threatening waters. It was a hard fought battle and deliverance came because of the many who did their part, even the strangers and hotel guests giving aid.

Debts threatened our Baptist welfare. Prayerfully and earnestly we sought to fortify against them, and just when it seemed the flood would wipe out our loved enterprises and institutions, the Hundred Thousand Baptists were called to the rescue. Many have responded, and new interest is being manifested, but recruits are needed if the battle against the flood is to be won. Why this new interest in the Hundred Thousand Club?

1. Because it has stood the test of every committee that has considered it, and has met every objection that could be raised against it.

2. The movement has steadily grown in favor and did not fulfill the prophecy that it too would die. It now has more members than at any time in its history.

3. About one-half million dollars have been paid, and interest charges have been correspondingly reduced. The Baptist Bible Institute has cancelled \$53,000 of its debt.

4. The Cooperative Program has been helped, and has steadily gained in gifts since the Hundred Thousand Club began.

5. Our standing with financiers and with others who trusted our cause with their money is certainly most gratifying. A New Orleans banker said to a Mississippi man, "You must be a Baptist." "Well, I am, but why that remark?" The banker said, "Because you seem so determined to pay your debts. The Baptists seem to be about the only ones who are giving serious attention to their denominational obligations."

6. Like the workers on the levee there have come to Southern Baptists new unity, new comradeship, and new courage, and then too, a new determination to go on with our great and divine task.

7. The gospel message will have new power. Men's hearts will respond when they see and know that we have been honest and faithful, that we put into practice the doctrines for which we stand. Our light will not be under a bushel. The salt will not have lost its savor. Others seeing our good works will glorify our Father, and will give heed to the message which has proved itself the power of God unto salvation and godliness.

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Inverness, Eden and Calhoun City Baptists are receiving sample copies this week. A canvass of each place is soon to be made. We hope all of them subscribe.

Speaking of the devil assuming the role of an angel of light, consider the efforts of liquor advocates to get their business legalized by the proposal to use the income from taxing liquor to take care of those on the old age pension list. Lots of people let the devil pull the wool over their eyes.

EDITORIALS

ON THE WAY OUT

We have not for years been so confident that our Baptist people were on their way out of debt as we are now. We have always believed that we would eventually come out from under the burden of debt, but we did not see the breaking of the day, nor the light ahead in this tunnel of darkness through which we were passing. But now the light is visible before us. The dawn is here.

The average good Baptist has never known the heart-breaking burdens that some of our secretaries have carried in these years of debt. And the below average has sometimes complained about the debts rather than helped to remove them. These men have prayed and planned and toiled and sweated in trying to find relief and lighten this load. And they have shown great patience, persistence and courage, always making some progress, but staggering under the burden.

And now our people are taking the matter seriously and the future is full of hope. The Hundred Thousand Club has made good progress in securing members and in reducing the debts on Southwide work. And just now a Southwide effort is on to increase the number of these givers to the proposed hundred thousand. Everybody ought to get in. Everybody ought to help.

But this does not take care of the debts on Baptist work in Mississippi. So the Convention authorized such arrangement for their payment as might seem best during the year. Not until the past month did the plan mature. At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board last week all minds turned to the plan suggested by Dr. Gunter, our Mission Secretary. Indeed the idea seems to have been incubating in several minds.

This plan is the Mississippi Five Thousand Club. An effort will be made to enlist five thousand people immediately to give \$1.00 a month or as much more as the Lord may enable them to pay off our state debts. And it will be done! Don't worry about that. A good number of people joined as soon as the doors were opened. It is contagious, and we believe it is of the Lord.

The Central Committee of the State W. M. U. met the next day after the Executive Committee met, and they assumed half of this undertaking. That is they agree to call on their members in the state to the number of 2,500 to join the 5,000 Club. They have never failed yet.

Now dearly beloved among the male population, we certainly will not stand by and fail of our half in this enterprise. Take as much stock in it as you like. That is you may have as many memberships in the club as you care to take. To give \$1.00 a month extra to this cause until all our debts are wiped out! We are on the way out.

Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, secures Dr. Ralph Walker as pastor.

Editor W. C. Allen will bring out a special centennial edition of the Baptist Courier (S. C.) on Jan. 30.

Pastor T. F. Harvey reports 63 additions to First Church, Hattiesburg, as a result of the meeting in December.

Rev. Cornelius Bowles, whose church two years ago at Ponca City, Okla., led the South in number of baptisms, goes to be pastor at Twentieth St. Church, Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. Margaret Flint Jacobs of Bay St. Louis won the \$10,000 prize for the best novel for 1935, awarded by the publishers of Pictorial Review. It appears serially in that magazine.

In the B. T. U. department you will find how to secure a full report of the recent Southwide B. T. U. Convention held at Birmingham. We are sorry it was not possible for us to have a special report of this meeting in the Record.

THRIFT

Some may wonder what a religious paper, or religion in any of its expressions, has to do with the matter of thrift. It ought to be sufficient answer to say that religion or any advocate of religion is interested in everything that makes a better man, helps him to be happier and more useful. But a better answer is that the Bible teaches thrift. And if the Bible teaches the obligation of thrift it becomes a religious duty. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for instruction, etc.

One who reads the book of Proverbs will find some interesting and pungent instruction along this line. But Jesus left us a message on this subject that deserves to be put in a frame and hung upon the wall of memory. He said: "Whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath."

This passage or the equivalent of it is given as summing up the meaning of the parable of the sower and the parable of the talents. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record it as the substance of the parable of the sower, and Matthew gives it as the practical lesson of the parable of the talents.

This does not mean that thrift is the lesson to be learned from these parables. But it does mean that Jesus takes the fundamental and practical principle of thrift in material things to enforce the necessity of making good use of spiritual opportunities. In this way he commends thrift in earthly matters, just as the shrewdness of the dishonest steward is held up to us as worthy of imitation in a better cause.

There are several reasons why our young people ought to be taught the value and necessity of thrift. One of these is that it necessitates self denial and self control. One of the principle differences between a savage and a civilized man is that the latter has learned the art of self control. As little as you may have thought about it self control is the purpose of education. Self control is education. Education is self control. Just dwell on that till it sinks in. Timothy Dwight, president of Yale, defined an educated man as one "who does what he ought to do, when he ought to do it, whether he wants to do it or not." It is the man who does not follow the line of least resistance, but is like the woman who told her friend, "If you ever hear of my being drowned, look for my body up the stream."

Thrift involves self denial and results in a fine degree of self control. To be thrifty you must say no to some of your desires; you must plow under some of your natural inclinations to fertilize the soil for a better character. It is doing without somethings today—that tomorrow may be enriched. It is transmuting physical appetites into spiritual strength. It is declining to be a "profane person as Esau, who for a bowl of soup sold his birthright as God's agent for good to all mankind. It is doing like Moses who refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season, accounting the reproaches of Christ of greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.

Thrift is making the best use of what you have with a view to the days ahead. It is opposed to wastefulness of every sort. It is accumulating strength and enlarging resources for the work and responsibilities to come. A man has no more right to waste his own money than he has to steal that of another. It was not for destroying his talent that the man was condemned. It was not for investing it badly. It was for doing nothing with it. It ought at least to have been put in a bank and made to draw interest.

The right attitude toward money, the right use of money is one of the most potent factors in making character. It is not a sin to save mon-

ey. It may be a sin not to save it, for by saving it one may greatly enlarge his usefulness. It is said to have been John Wesley's advice to "make all you can, save all you can, and give all you can." A man is a better citizen ordinarily if he is a property owner. He can also in this way become a more useful Christian.

To him that hath shall be given, is a fundamental law of economics and of religion.

"Religious Press Digest" of New Castle, Ind., has been merged with "The Religious Digest" published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., 234 Pearl St.

F. N. Charrington died in London last week at the age of 85. Years ago he gave up a position in his father's brewery because it violated his conscientious convictions, and sacrificed a fortune of \$6,250,000 to become a temperance worker. There are heroes in the world yet.

He was a little nearsighted but was following the printed program of the church service to the best of his ability. When a gentleman began singing he looked at the program, nudged his neighbor and inquired, "Does this say Volcano?" "No," said his neighbor, "It isn't volcano; it's vocal solo."

"Help those women"! Just look at them! There they go; undertaking half of the debt payment plan. They say, "If you mere men will enlist 2,500 strong in the 5,000 Club to pay Mississippi Baptist debts, you will find us right there with 2,500 of them." They are not boasting. They are just saying, "Come on, brothers."

Women's missionary societies and other organizations often write the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, asking how they can best serve the hospital. The hospital needs tray covers which should be 17"x22" when finished and should be plainly hemmed and made of white material. Gifts of tray covers will greatly help the hospital.—Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Supreme Court of the United States decided by 6 to 3 that the AAA, which embodied Congress' legislation to aid agriculture is unconstitutional. On the same day in which the daily papers reported this, they also reported that a popular poll of the country showed that the majority of the people were against it. Most of the Southern states were for it, but most of the others opposed it. It is impossible to be sure of the completeness of such polls but they show generally popular opinion.

An Association-wide Stewardship Revival was held in the churches of South Yadkin Association in North Carolina, during the week of December 1-8, using the booklet "Baptists Working Toward a World Program" as a text. Mr. C. H. Dickey, one of the state workers taking part in the engagement, gives his appraisal of the program as follows: "While these schools were in progress I was conscious of a great pioneering movement going on in our midst. We were working new ground, and the people responded to it. This experiment inaugurates a new epoch in North Carolina, if followed up. It is significant to the entire Southern Baptist Convention; for if it can be done in the South Yadkin, similar effort will bear fruit anywhere."—C.

ATTENTION! BROTHER PASTOR—If you have not already done so, please return to me at once your report of the Every Member Canvass in your church for the 1936 budget, indicating the number of pledges, amount pledged for local work and amount for Cooperative Program and its causes, also indicate number tithers, subscribers to Baptist Record and number subscribers to Home and Foreign Fields. Be sure to indicate whether your canvass indicates an increase in contributions for the Cooperative Program, as I want to publish an Honor Roll in the Baptist Record soon of all churches in which the Every Member Canvass indicates an increase in contributions for the Cooperative Program for 1936. If you have lost the report blank, jot down the information desired on a postal and send it in. Better do it now before you forget it.—A. F. Crittendon.

CONVENTION BOARD DEPARTMENT

(Continued from page 1)

men must do their part.

The first to subscribe to this plan was E. C. Williams, our efficient Assistant Sunday School Secretary. The second was J. E. Byrd, our true and tried Secretary. A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Manager for the Baptist Record, says he will make it a family affair by taking membership for each member of his family. Others have done this.

This club has nothing whatsoever to do with the Hundred Thousand Club which was organized for the purpose of paying the debts of the Southern Baptist Convention. We are wishing the Hundred Thousand Club Godspeed in paying Southern Baptist debts while the Five Thousand Club is being pushed with all our might for paying Mississippi Baptist Convention debts.

As stated above, if this Club succeeds and if the Cooperative Program will net \$140,000.00, no special campaign will be put on for debts this year, but in the event the yield from the Five Thousand Club and the Cooperative Program is not sufficient to remove the necessity for a campaign, such a campaign must be put on in fairness to our creditors. It is, however, understood and agreed that those taking membership in the Five Thousand Club and paying their subscriptions monthly will not be expected to contribute in the special campaign.

PLEDGE CARDS

FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

For

PAYING MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DEBTS

As a member of the 5,000 Club I agree to pay \$1.00 per month until debts shall have been paid, or until I find myself unable to continue paying. In the event I become unable it is understood that my membership in this Club will automatically cease and I shall give written notice thereof to the Baptist Convention Board office, Jackson, Mississippi. All 5,000 Club contributions will be used in paying principal of the Mississippi Baptist Convention indebtedness so long as there remains any matured principal. When all matured principal shall have been paid any remaining balance of this fund may be applied on past due interest—but not until all matured principal shall have been paid.

Name..... Address.....
Ass'n..... Church.....
Date..... 19.....

Note: When filled out, this card is to be sent to Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Mississippi. The name and address of the member is to be given to the church treasurer; payments to be made through the church in envelopes to be furnished by the Convention Board office as soon as name and address of member is received.

Twenty-five thousand pledge cards have been printed. Pastors will please write at once asking for the number which they will use. Other individuals may do likewise. One need not wait for another. The contributions should start with January. Some have already paid their full year's pledge. Let us put this over in record time. Nothing will inspire our people more than knowing we have a plan which is paying our debts. Charles H. Spurgeon said, "The three greatest enemies of man are dirt, debt and the devil." Few things hinder more in fighting dirt and the devil than does debt. Let's get rid of debt and fight dirt and the devil harder. The devil likes to display the fact that we are not paying our debts. This cripples our influence.

As fast as a membership card is sent in to the Baptist Convention Board office, postoffice box 530, one dozen contribution envelopes will be sent to the member so that he can insert \$1.00 each month in an envelope and request the church treasurer to send it forthwith to the Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Mississippi. His church will be credited with the amount as an "over and above gift" through the Five Thousand Club.

On Monday morning Dr. B. H. Lovelace, pastor at Clinton, underwent a serious major operation. There were several complications and his friends are anxious about him. But the doctor and hospital attendants are working hopefully, and many are praying earnestly for his recovery.

Dr. W. F. Yarborough, pastor of First Church, Jasper, Ala., is recuperating at Pickens, Miss., where he spent his boyhood and where he still has relatives. We are glad to have him in Mississippi, and hope for him complete recovery.

Center Terrace, Canton, closed out 1935 in good shape; completed house, except seats; all debts paid; gave \$165.00 to denominational and other benevolences; received 89 members. We have begun the New Year well: fine congregation; received two members first Sunday. We added 24 subscriptions to the Baptist Record last year. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon all His work this year.—M. J. Derrick.

The Exposition of the Sunday School Lesson now appearing in the Record are prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, pastor at Canton. We have had many expressions of appreciation of the work in this line done hitherto by Rev. L. D. Posey of Jena, La., formerly pastor in Mississippi. We are grateful for the service rendered by brother Posey, done without financial compensation, and in love of truth and in the interest of Bible study. We have now a Mississippian who is willing to undertake this work, and we know of no more careful, conscientious or better prepared man in the state for this work than Dr. Campbell. He is scholarly, devout and loyal to the Book. Our readers will greatly profit by his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Speed of First Church, Jackson, have given to their church \$5,000 to be used in installing chimes in the church tower, conditioned upon the church putting in a pipe organ to cost \$20,000. This is truly generous and we doubt not the church will meet the conditions. It was the editor's privilege to supply for Pastor Hewitt Sunday morning, where the congregation was the best we had ever seen at any regular service. The first of January was the anniversary of Dr. Hewitt's service with this charge. Eighteen years of happy work together. May the favor of God continue with them.

Brother T. T. Gooch of Oakland gives us the information that the Sunday School Board is still giving a prize for the best associational minute in the state, and another for the second best. This has been done for ten years or more. Brother Gooch got the prize for the best minutes this year, as he did the first year, and has gotten some first and second prizes in between, a \$25.00 check. A copy of the Baptist Year Book is also given to every clerk who makes a grade of 80%. Brother J. T. Bailey of Lauderdale County received the second prize. The Southwide prize went to Rev. H. F. Surlis of S. C. and the second to C. B. Plane of N. C.

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IN VICKSBURG

A. F. Crittendon

It was the writer's privilege to spend Sunday, Jan. 5th, in the churches of Vicksburg. At 9:45 he delivered an evangelistic message to the Intermediate Department in the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church at 11:00 o'clock preached for Pastor W. H. Morgan and assisted him in the ordination of brethren Henderson, Hitt, Thigpen, Bishop and Robinson as deacons in the service of the church. There is a fine spirit of optimism and consecrated cooperation in the work of the First Baptist Church.

At 2:30 P. M. we went with Pastor J. L. Boyd out to his Waltersville church and in spite of rain there was a good crowd to hear the report that all bills were paid and a balance in the treasury. This church is putting on the "Prove Me" tithing plan and voted to double the payments to the pastor's salary. At 7:30 it was a joy to present "God's Financial Plan" to the Bowmar Avenue congregation. There was an encouraging response.

LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

All Together

Total circulation last week 7,318
Total circulation this week 7,719

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Must We Say, "Good-bye"?

Nearly 200 people have not renewed. This is the last copy we can send unless their renewal comes at once. Do it now.

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Pastors

We sent you a list of expirations. It will help you and them if they renew. "Ask 'em—they will."

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GOING PLACES

Meridian:

Meridian has a fine group of pastors, always ready to help out. In connection with our recent work in getting ready for the special Meridian brethren, Bass, Street, Stone and Fleming, were most generous with their time in helping us.

Forty-First Avenue:

Pastor Stone has a well organized work here and gets things done. His Sunday morning program is different from the average program, but all his people seem to like it. More pastors might investigate it.

Poplar Springs:

Pastor W. B. Abel has a great group at Poplar Springs and it was a delight to hear so many fine things about him from his people.

Several were glad of the opportunity to subscribe for "Their Own."

Southside:

During the winter months Southside has its evening service at 5:30 instead of the traditional 7:30. And, "Believe it or not," it's a success. All conditions considered more folks were present at 5:30 than we usually see at the later hour. Several were glad of the opportunity to become better informed Baptists.

Fifteenth Avenue:

Rev. T. M. Fleming is the beloved pastor at Fifteenth Avenue and has a great plant and great people to use it. Quite a few were just waiting for an invitation to take "Their Own."

With the new subscribers we were able to secure Meridian now boasts 86 subscribers and this number will probably be doubled soon, as each pastor has promised to put on a campaign SOON.

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Others Could If—

Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett sends in a list of subscribers from Pope Baptist Church totaling 64 per cent of the membership with the expectation of others soon.

In churches, large or small, there are thousands of people over Mississippi who will subscribe if asked.

Preacher, try it.

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Neither Can We

Writes Rev. A. B. Price of Hazard, Ky.:

"I find real pleasure in scanning the pages of the Record. Being a native Mississippian, I have followed the work as it is so well reported with a great deal of interest. IT IS HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND (caps ours) why every Baptist home in the state cannot see the value of this good paper, for I do not know of a paper anywhere that gives more for the money than the Baptist Record."

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Thank You

Mrs. J. M. Brownlee, Columbus.
Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett, Charleston.
Rev. Bryan Simmons, Harpersville.
Mr. J. B. Wright, Jackson.
Mrs. Enoch Miller, West Point.

WHAT DR. GAMBRELL SAID

By L. R. Scarborough, President Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Seminary Hills, Texas

The last message that Dr. J. B. Gambrell ever gave to Southern Baptists was this—"Do right and go forward."

Applying his pungent message to Southern Baptists to the 100,000 Club, let me say to the Southern brotherhood:

First, Our debts were made under the leadership of those among the best men in the South, who loved all the causes. They were honestly made, on faith in God and the Baptists, all for the purposes of Christ's glory.

Second, We have wonderful assets to show for the investment made by borrowed money. Think of the assets to Baptists and to Christ on foreign mission work, home mission work, our four seminaries, our great New Orleans' Hospital! Much that these institutions have was built by borrowed money. We are receiving a wonderful dividend on the investment made. Scarcely a dollar of it was wasted. It all went into the strength of Christ's causes.

Third, It is right to pay these honest debts. Nothing else is right. We cannot do right and not pay these debts. It will bring a strain of dishonor and disgrace to us and take largely from us our witness as Christians.

Fourth, We cannot go "forward" as we ought without paying our debts and doing right. Progress must be made in honor. Dishonest progress is not progress: it is death. I know of nothing that will advance the cause of Christ among Southern Baptists faster nor more gloriously than for us to "clean the slate" of all our debts and have the confidence of our creditors.

The writer of the Hebrews says "Lay aside every weight." Paying debts is carrying out this commission. And then he says "run with patience the race" set before us.

Fifth, We have made progress with the 100,000 Club—definite, steady, aggressive, progressive, certain progress. We now have the confidence of our creditors slowly coming back. We have the consciousness of doing right. Now, we must finish the job.

"CHURCH MUSIC"—POINTED PARAGRAPHS

I. E. Reynolds

No. 9. The Effective Church Choir.

The day of the old-time, unorganized volunteer, mixed chorus choir, which has been in vogue so long in our churches, must give way to a choir of greater efficiency and effectiveness which in most churches will mean a smaller choir, for the following reasons: 1. The average volunteer choir lacks balance of voice parts, usually many women and few men; 2. In almost every choir there are voices so lacking in musical and blending quality that they will not fuse with other voices; 3. Because of the irresponsibility in the matter of attendance upon rehearsals and services; 4. In the matter of cooperation; 5. In consecration of life, which is often embarrassing to the church. Some suggestions for building a choir that will prove beneficial and helpful in solving the choir problems are as follows: 1. There should be a committee appointed by the church, consisting of the pastor, chairman of deacons, superintendent of Sunday school, leader of Young People, president of the W. M. U., president of the Laymen's Brotherhood, the choir director, and the accompanist, which will represent every phase of church life. It will be the duty of this committee to select the members of the choir on the basis of an equal number of voices in each part. This can best be done by quartets—soprano, alto, tenor, and bass; continue to select by quartets until the available talent of the church is exhausted. This will help to insure an equally balanced singing organization. Each singer should be obligated as follows: 1. Will you strive to live a consistent Christian life, one that will not

embarrass the church? 2. Will you be regular in your attendance upon choir rehearsal, Sunday morning and evening services, unless detained through an emergency? 3. Will you work in cooperation with the pastor and choir director? No one should be accepted as a member of the choir who will not answer these three questions in the affirmative. The most satisfactory choir in some respects is composed of talent from the church in which it sings. After the selection has been made and the obligations have been affirmed the pastor should take these names before the church conference and ask it to elect them as the personnel of the choir for the ensuing year or whatever period of time has been agreed upon. Through this means you will have a selective choir, an obligated choir, and an elected choir which will with the volunteer choir do much to insure a better balance and blending of voice parts, a regular attendance upon rehearsals and services, and a more mutual and sympathetic understanding between the pastor, church, and choir. In every church there are those who have good voices and would be glad to serve in the regular choir, but for some outside connection are prevented from attending regularly. A list of these persons should be enrolled in a substitute choir membership to take the place of regular members who are absent from legitimate causes. The choir should have a working organization and a constitution and by-laws indorsed by the members of the choir.

THREE RED INDIAN STORIES

By C. H. Spurgeon

(1) William Penn and the Indians

You will remember that the Red Indians agreed to sell to William Penn as much land as a man could walk round in a day; and I do not wonder that at the end of the day they complained that the white brother had made a big walk. I think I should have put my best leg foremost, if whatever I could put my foot upon would be mine; would not you? Why, then, do you not hurry up in spiritual matters? Do you value earthly things more than spiritual? Mark, then, that if you put your foot down upon a blessing, and say, "This is mine," it is yours. What a very simple operation is the claim of faith! You do not want to pass through the universities to learn that: it is grasping with the hand, or appropriating with the foot. Many of the Lord's poor and unlearned ones obtain more from the promise than the more cultured ever do. The learned man lifts his head up, but the simple put their foot down; and this last is the way to the inheritance. By criticism you may put your foot in it, but by faith you put your foot on it. Strangers cavil, children claim. He that can trust his Lord may say, "In the name of the living God this blessing is mine." Come, then, brother, if there be more holiness, put your foot on it; if there be more happiness, put your foot on it; if there be more usefulness, put your foot on it. Lay your claim to all that is put within your reach in Scripture; this is the victory that overcometh the world, and conquereth Canaan, even our faith.

(2) The Sleeping Red Indian

Have you never heard of the Indian in his boat upon one of the great rivers of America? Somehow his moorings had broken, and his canoe was in the power of the current. He was asleep, while his canoe was being borne rapidly along by the stream. He was sound asleep, and yet had good need to have been awake, for there was a tremendous cataract not far ahead. Persons on shore saw the canoe—saw that there was a man in it asleep; but their vigilance was of no use to the sleeper: it needed that he himself should be aware of his peril. The canoe quickened its pace, for the waters of the river grew more rapid as they approached the cataract; persons on shore began to cry out, and raise alarm on all sides, and at last the Indian was aroused. He started up, and began to use

his paddle, but his strength was altogether insufficient for the struggle with the gigantic force of the waters around him. He was seen to spring upright in the boat and disappear—himself and the boat—in the fall. He had perished, for he woke too late! Some persons on their dying beds just wake up in time to see their danger, but not to escape from it: they are carried right over the cataract of judgment and wrath. They are gone, forever gone, where mercy is succeeded by justice, and hope forbidden to enter. Let much prayer go up from believing hearts that God would awaken sinners now, and begin with those who come to the place of worship, and remain at ease in Zion. Ask for the arm of God to be revealed while the heavenly message is delivered; for this is our message: "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

(3) The Red Indian Missionary

I saw a missionary from the cold north the other day, and he was wearing a coat of moose-skin, which he had worn among the Red Indians. "It is a capitol coat," he said, "there's nothing like leather. I have worn it for eleven years." In the arctic region through which he had travelled, he had worn this garment both by night and by day; for the climate was much too cold to allow the taking off of anything. Brethren, the world is far too cold to allow of our taking off Christ even for an hour. So many arrows are flying about that we dare not remove a single piece of our armour even for an instant. Thank God, we have in our Lord a dress which we may always wear. We can live in it, and die in it; we can work in it, and rest in it, and like the raiment of Israel in the wilderness, it will never wax old. Put it on more and more.

—Forwarded by Rev. A. Cunningham-Burley.

While the number of people in America having an income of over a million a year has increased in the past five years from 20 to 58 their federal taxes have decreased over 50%. We are not soaking the rich very much. And the "forgotten man" is still hid somewhere.

Some few years ago the president of one of our Southern Baptist Colleges produced great apparent indignation among his fellowcraftsmen by charging that practically all of them subsidized athletes to get them to come to their schools. But he seems to have known what he was talking about. Now the Southern Conference of College athletic representatives has openly endorsed giving aid to athletes, "to the extent of legitimate expenses."

Those who listened in to hear the address by President Roosevelt to Congress on "The State of The Nation," must have been impressed as always with his frankness. There was also a note of forthrightness and courage which was admirable. Of course it was "political." It is difficult to conceive how under the circumstances it could be otherwise. The president is a master politician, but that does not preclude the possibility of being a statesman. His opponents naturally found fault with his selecting a time just before the presidential campaign begins to use his office and the occasion for promoting his personal plans. They found fault with his choosing the hour and using the radio at a time when it would carry the farthest. But all must admire his sagacity and his boldness. Boldness is the most tactful policy. The speech itself read a lecture to Mussolini and Hitler and all dictators. He turned adroitly upon the would-be dictators in economics and finance in this country, and made appeal to labor and the ordinary man. In this he will have the sympathy of average men, but not of the "malefactors of wealth." He handled the matter of neutrality in the present world period with diplomatic nicety, and was not quite committal in the matter of furnishing sinews of war to belligerents. His plan for balancing the budget is by increasing the volume of business and not in increased taxes. The speech will start the fire works in Congress and in the presidential campaign.

News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Home Mission Board

Spirituality is Divine energy working through human personality for the accomplishment of Divine ends.

It is not simply the "Old Time Religion" that we need, we have that, but it is the New Testament way of living the "Old Time Religion" that we need; the back-slider is not a lost soul, he is simply a saved man out of step with Christ.

Hundred Thousand Club Months

January and February are Hundred Thousand Club months. What a glorious opportunity our pastors have during these months to go the second mile for Christ and His cause by presenting this matter to their churches and enrolling members in the Hundred Thousand Club. This movement is a worthy undertaking for a worthy purpose and, as worthy people, we should worthily respond by becoming a member of this worthy enterprise.

Can We Afford Not To Pay Our Debts?

DEBTS! No one likes to hear the word, "Debt," and yet when one has debts, honesty and integrity force him to consider the matter whether he wants to or not.

Southern Baptists have debts. Their Boards and Institutions borrowed money to carry on their missionary, educational and benevolent work. The work done is a part of our service to Christ and we claim the results as Kingdom assets. Shall we not now pay back the money we borrowed with which to do this work? Will Christ be pleased by missions opened, seminaries built, colleges and schools maintained and hospitals equipped and run with money that was not ours? If we do not pay our debts, then we have done work and we are claiming Kingdom credit for work that was done by money that did not belong to us. This is dishonest and a Christian people should not be dishonest. Therefore, a matter of morals is involved in the Hundred Thousand Club movement, for the specific purpose of this movement is to pay our debts.

The Hundred Thousand Club and Home Missions

The Home Mission Board has received up to December 31, 1935, over \$79,000.00 from the Hundred Thousand Club.

1. The Drain of Debt.

The Hundred Thousand Club if successful, and it must be made successful, means the progress and prosperity of our Home Mission work. The Board paid in 1935 approximately \$98,319.00 in interest and \$74,888.00 on the principal of its debts. This \$173,207.00 paid on the debts last year would have employed 173 missionaries, practically doubling the mission force in the homeland.

The entire interest account of Southern Baptists on their Southwide institutions amounts to over \$300,000. This amount would maintain over 300 missionaries in the home field, or 300 missionaries in the foreign field, or it would provide for the education of nearly 1,000 preachers. We must stop this tremendous drain in interest on our resources by paying our debts.

2. We Must Be Honest.

The purpose of the Hundred Thousand Club is to pay our debts. This is a religious and moral duty as well as a great service to the causes we love. There is nothing right now more important than this. We would not and we will not, if we are fair to our creditors, enlarge our mission work at home or abroad until our debts are paid. We must pay our debts as a matter of honesty. Our honor as a religious people is at stake. How can God bless us if we do not repay the money we borrowed for Kingdom purposes? Surely He will not be pleased over churches planted, schools established, mis-

sions opened, and hospitals maintained on money that does not belong to us. We must pay our debts to maintain our standing before God.

We must pay our debts to maintain our spiritual and moral integrity as individuals. I did not personally make the debts, nor did you, but your denomination and mine made the debts and so long as we are Baptists, neither you nor I can escape the moral responsibility for seeing that these debts are paid. Baptist honor is at stake and you and I are Baptists. The stamp of the denomination is upon us, and so long as we wear that stamp we are morally responsible for the debts that our Baptist institutions have made. We are a part of the denomination and cannot escape the responsibility of paying these debts without denying our faith. They are our debts and we must pay them.

3. The Debts Are Honest Debts.

We must pay these debts because they are honest debts. They were made by institutions which Southern Baptists created and which institutions were our representatives doing work for the Kingdom of Christ. The money borrowed was honest money and the banks and individuals and institutions lending this money did it in good faith. In fact, the ones to whom we owe this money lent it on the credit and good name of the Baptists of the South. We must pay these debts because they are honest debts. We cannot refuse to pay these debts and maintain our honesty and integrity as a denomination.

4. Cooperative Funds Not Enough.

These debts cannot be paid and the work carried on by our Boards and Institutions out of the receipts from the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program receipts are sufficient to meet the current work of our institutions and Boards if the debts are paid, but there is little hope of increasing the receipts from the Cooperative Program so that these receipts will be sufficient to carry on our work and at the same time pay our debts. Therefore, some provision must be made for the debts over and above the Cooperative Program. The Hundred Thousand Club makes this provision.

Southern Baptists through all the years have held an outstanding place in the religious life of our land. They are a great people. Their churches are virile, vital, vigorous, functioning agencies for the on-going of the Kingdom of God. In this day when our civilization seems to be at the cross-roads and the whole world is in a slump, there is tremendous need for the message and mission of Southern Baptists. But Southern Baptists cannot take their place in present day affairs as a world-building agency for righteousness if they fail to pay their debts.

5. Tragic to Default.

This should be a tremendous incentive to our people to join the Hundred Thousand Club. For the denomination to fail to pay its debts and for our agencies to default on the payment of these debts would be a tragic disaster. Of all times this is the time to be true to the higher principles of righteousness. In our national life we need honesty and integrity. These are the great outstanding virtues of the Christian life. If a Christian is anything he is honest. But how can we preach the doctrine of honesty if we do not practice it. If we fail to pay our debts the voice of our pulpits proclaiming the doctrine of honesty will be drowned by the roar of the dishonesty of our practice.

6. We Can Pay Our Debts.

The task is not easy, but it is not impossible. We can make it easy if we will. Let Southern Baptists purpose in their hearts that they will pay their debts and the task will be made easy; then every pastor and every officer and every member of every church throughout our Southern Zion will come hilariously with their gifts, as did the Israelites of old in the building of the

Tabernacle in the wilderness, and there will be more than enough for the payment of all our debts.

Why not? Why not, Brother Pastor, present the Hundred Thousand Club to your church at once with all the urge of your soul and take the pledges? Why not, Brother Baptist, join the Hundred Thousand Club at once? Why wait on a matter as important as this?

7. Let Us Finish the Task.

We have enrolled to date about 30,000 in the Hundred Thousand Club. Let us finish the task. Surely there are 70,000 more Baptists out of our 4,000,000 members who believe in meeting their obligations. Every high and holy interest is challenging us. For the glory of God, the honor of our denomination, the progress of our mission work, and the long drawn-out cry of dying souls at home and abroad, for the light of hope and life, let every Baptist do his part.

Join the Hundred Thousand Club at once and help us pay our debts.

What A Layman Has To Say

"In the secular business world, it sometimes happens that a corporation or institution under the burden of debt, or chance defalcation, will proceed in a bankruptcy court to cancel its debts. This is done when the resources of the institution and its supporters are inadequate to meet the required needs, or those controlling it are not interested in moral responsibility for their acts.

"If you raise the question as to the ability of the Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention to pay their relatively small per capita debts, I leave the question with you. If you claim moral bankruptcy for them as excuse for non-payment, I still leave the question with you.

"When the Baptists pay these debts, interest and principal, 100 cents on the dollar, then principal paid becomes the evidence of principle held, and integrity is unshaken by the mistakes of intelligence. Most of this debt is the simplest sort of responsibility for good business operation, and it is unthinkable that it be not paid. The rest is the opportunity at no great cost to attain that blessedness that is secured by those that 'swear to their own hurt and changeth not.'

"This is a goal that is not fanciful or remote, but is practical, feasible, and its attainment will make the world think about Baptists as people to be trusted.

"The Home Mission Board is rendering a real service to every Baptist church in holding steadily to the task of meeting its financial obligations fully. Our integrity and our reputation as a denomination are involved and the Home Mission Board does not intend to let the denomination down.

"What we do with our money and effort in our churches is a measure of Christian intelligence as well as Christian integrity. Baptists have the opportunity in churches and Baptist agencies to demonstrate that our democratic church policy is not futile."

There are said to be 8,000,000 aliens in the United States and 600,000 of them on the relief rolls.

Dr. D. R. Isom resigns from the secretaryship of the Louisiana Baptist Brotherhood effective Jan. 1. He has done good work among the laymen, and goes back to his work as a dentist.

Southwest Miss. Pastors' Conference at McComb Monday, Jan. 13, includes devotional by G. H. Suttle, Reports, Problems of the New Year, J. B. Hunt and Round Table, Sermon by P. S. Rogers, Devotional by B. L. Davis and Character Study by E. K. Cox.

Dr. H. M. Harris sends this message from Honolulu, on the way to his work in China: "A very stormy trip thus far but we were delightfully entertained by Baptist Church in Honolulu at lunch. Southern Baptists have four missionary families on board the President Cleveland bound for China; the Olives, Thompsons, Hills and Harris, eight adults and eight children. We are happy on the way."

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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The following memorial was sent to the Convention Board in session December 10 by the W. M. U. Executive Board:

Looking to a possible plan projected by the State Mission Board to make a concerted drive to eliminate the debts which are so hampering our State work.

The W. M. U. Executive Board in mid-winter assembly does pledge its hearty cooperation to fall in with any such plan as it is consistent with our policies and our sense of obligation as Baptists to unite in a common cause for the promotion of Kingdom work.

We ask that you transmit to us your plans at such time as you desire to make them known.

We desire to set a definite financial goal for this purpose and enter upon a systematic attainment of that goal.

The Executive Board further instructed the Local Committee to act with Miss Traylor and Dr. Gunter to put such plans in execution.

At the meeting of the Executive Committees of the Convention Board a few days ago a plan was adopted looking toward the payment of our Mississippi Baptist debts (see Convention Board Department). Our president called a meeting of our W. M. U. Local Committee for the purpose of setting a definite goal for our share in the debt paying plan. We voted unanimously to secure 2,500 members of the 5,000 Club and appointed Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni, as State Chairman. You will be hearing more about this as soon as plans can be perfected. Pray that we may be led very definitely in making our plans.

The Ten Commandments of a Happy New Year

1. Accept and appropriate for the inner life the peace brought by the Christmas Christ.
2. Find gladness in the memory of every great experience through the past, in the glow of present blessings, in the hope of all future joys.
3. Be humble and lowly in heart; always ready to forgive, quick to recognize your faults and slow to take offense.
4. Center the thoughts each day on how much love, service and kindness can be given instead of what material things are lacking.
5. Seek earnestly divine guidance. Wait on the Lord and run not ahead of His plans. No blunder can ever be made when life is lived with His will.
6. Love and there will be no room for envy. Trust and there can be no place for worry. Have faith and there will be no doubts.
7. Magnify the things of eternal value and minimize the temporary. Put aside the petty cares that pass with the passing day.
8. Look for all that is beautiful in nature, all that is good in man and all that is true in the Divine.
9. Steady life by having a lofty purpose. Lift its horizon by contemplating the needs of all mankind. Widen the vision by loving the world as God loved it.
10. Rest in Christ. He is the secret of the abundant life, the fulfillment of every dream and desire.

—Rosalee Mills Appleby and David.

Four Mile Church in the Delta, since the resignation of Pastor C. C. Carraway has called brother Brown, whose home is Hollandale.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Counselors

This month brings the Institutes! Each of you have been wanting to be a better counselor! Here's your opportunity—there will be experienced counselors for each organization, leading conferences at the Institutes. For this year to mean the most to you and in turn you mean the most to your organization, you need the Institute! We need you also.

Thoughts for Counselors of Y. W. A., G. A. R.A., and Sunbeam Band

1. Be informed. Know your Manual. Refer to it often. Study all available literature.
2. Take time. It takes time to build the right kind of organization. Have well planned programs.
3. Attend meetings, particularly Associational Young People's Rallies.
4. Be regular. Don't miss meetings. Start them on time and close on time, both are important.
5. Cooperate with the Young People's Director.
6. Accept your office as a trust, determined to "stay with it" long enough to really build. It is hard to have efficient organizations with frequent changes of leadership.
7. If you do find it necessary to give up the work, pass on manual, year book, other literature, etc., to the new counselor.

Sunbeam Fiftieth Anniversary

Remember His marvelous works that He hath done.—Psa. 105:5.

Fifty years ago one Sunday morning, in the spring of 1886, the "Sunbeam Class of Fairmont Baptist Church, Virginia, marched into the church service singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Dr. George Braxton Taylor, pastor, and Mrs. Anna Elsom, leader, had started the Sunbeam Band movement. From the organization there and at nearby Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church growth has been constant until today there are Sunbeam Bands around the world, while Sunbeams grown up are shining still in all walks of life. From that small beginning God has blessed the development of missionary interest in children until the Sunbeam Band movement is today a recognized force in Baptist life. It is a marvelous work which He has done in guiding this growth.

In this fiftieth year Woman's Missionary Union is eager to hear from all possible grown-up Sunbeams who will recall ways in which their Sunbeam Band was a blessing. Won't you write the young people's secretary about your past Sunbeam experiences, as leader or as member?

In this fiftieth year let us in W. M. S. meetings thank the Sunbeam Band leaders of past years and of today by recognition of their service. Every W. M. S. will want to maintain a splendid Sunbeam Band as it realizes anew the value of giving missionary visions to little children.

And in this fiftieth year we want to step forward admirably with at least 500 new-Sunbeam Bands, with 500 more A-1 Sunbeam Bands, with 500 more mission study classes than ever before in Sunbeam Bands. Through the pages of World Comrades we expect to relate fascinating stories of Sunbeams now prominent in many walks of life, to narrate bits of early Sunbeam Band history, to provide Sunbeam playlets of lively interest. Share in this remembering by sending in an account of your own Sunbeam

activities and by radiating the Sunbeam zeal in new organizations and more brilliant Sunbeam activity.—Juliette Mather.

Petropolis, Brazil, Dec. 14, 1935.

My dear Miss Traylor:

It certainly is most kind of you to remember us again with a magazine, and you do not know how truly we appreciate this thoughtfulness from Mississippi—the W. M. U. I not only read the magazine that comes to us, but pass them to Brazilians who read English. It is a point of contact that helps in the work. Thank you and the other friends who remember us in this way.

We look forward with great joy to our return home after another year, especially am I glad for David's sake to have contacts. He thinks it will be a great TREAT to have aunts, uncles and cousins like other children. He has such an exalted opinion of America from reading history that I watch anxiously the reaction to things. He is simply broken up if anyone says anything against America or Americans. In our churches here one gets a more exalted idea of what a Christian is, so that a child growing up in a Brazilian church cannot harmonize a true Christian with smoking, drinking or any worldliness. A Christian is different, and should be!

We are very busy these days preparing the Christmas program. Our children have a beautiful program, and the distribution of presents from the tree will follow. This is the gladdest event in the year for them, and they will wade through storms to be present as I have seen them do. All receive a fancy sack of sweets and it is about the only Santa Claus the children have. Few can afford anything outside of the church's gifts to them. My little man is a great help in preparing for the "festa"—there is no one else to play for the rehearsals. He is very fond of music and can teach me the new songs to teach them.

Will you kindly remember me to Miss Traylor, to dear Miss Lackey and Miss Landrum. How we enjoyed Miss Louella Landrum's visit with us. She spent the day with us in Petropolis and what a happy day it was.

Thank you sincerely for the magazine. I will take "Current History" please.

With sincere gratitude for every expression of love from Mississippi friends, and begging always to be remembered in your prayers.

Devotedly, yours in His service,

Rosalee Mills Appleby

—BR—

Dr. W. W. Hamilton says New Orleans looks good to him and his wife after a visit to his children and supplying the pulpit of the Baptist Church of the Master in Cleveland, Ohio, where the thermometer was ten below zero. The enrollment at the Bible Institute is above last year and others are expected at the beginning of the second semester Jan. 20.

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EAST MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT

By R. L. BRELAND

1935's Toll

Each year a number of our lead-
ers, ministers and laymen, are cut
down by the ruthless hand of death.
The year 1935 has been no excep-
tion to the rule. I make it a rule
to make a note of all deaths of
ministers and leading laymen and
laywomen each year in my memo-
randum book. The past year has
dealt pretty heavy with our denomi-
nation within our state and out-
side. I am sure I missed recording
some, but I have the following
names:

January 8, 1935, I have a record
of the death of Rev. C. H. Mize,
one of our useful preachers who
died at Silver Creek. He had done
a good work in various parts of
the state. Then on February 9th I
find a record of the death of Rev.
W. S. Sproles, another of our good
and useful preachers of the gospel.
He died at Gillsburg, Miss. Feb-
ruary 20, Dr. A. J. Aven died at
Clinton. He was not an ordained
preacher but he had won many to
Christ during his long years as
teacher in Mississippi College. We
have no better men.

March 8th, Dr. Z. T. Cody died
at Greenville, S. C. He was editor
for years of the Baptist Courier,
the South Carolina state Baptist
paper. He was a good editor and
useful preacher. March 13, Rev. J.
Oscar Hill died at Memphis. He
was a Yalobusha County reared boy
and was a splendid preacher. He
was pastor of Hollywood Baptist
Church, Memphis, when death came
to him. March 13th claimed the life
of another good preacher, Dr. Geo.
W. Riley, who died at Clinton. He
and I had spent many seasons to-
gether as we roomed together when
attending conventions. I will miss
him. Good preacher, good man.

Dr. Samuel Judson Porter died
in Washington, D. C., March 12th.
He was one of the outstanding
preachers among Southern Baptists.

He was an eloquent and useful pas-
tor for many years. April 17th, Rev.
Harris C. Joiner died at Enterprise.
He was connected with Clarke Col-
lege for a while, and served ably
as pastor of a number of churches.
April 17th, Mrs. Rogers, the be-
loved wife of Rev. J. A. Rogers,
died at her home at Amory. She had
served long and faithful.

One of our aged ministers died
May 22, Rev. J. T. Sargent. He
lived his last years at Derma, and
died there. He was useful in his
early days. Another splendid lay-
man died June 18th, Hon. George
D. Riley. He was State Insurance
Commissioner. He was a popular
and upright citizen. Rev. A. M.
Shepherd died at Richton July 26th.
It was said of him that he had been
a useful minister and served his day
and generation well. October 9th,
Prof. Porter Walker Berry died at
Senatobia. He had been president
of the Northwestern Junior College
for some years. He was a splendid
layman.

November 22nd, Rev. Jacob A.
Johnston died at Hattiesburg. He
served churches as pastor in vari-
ous parts of the state, and was
considered a good preacher for his
training. Sometime during the year,
Rev. T. J. Waldrup died at his home
at Lorena. He served faithfully as
pastor for a number of years. He
was a good man. I am sure that I
failed to record the death of some
who deserved mention.

A lady who did not sign her let-
ter was the first to write me ask-
ing to join the Fellowship Prayer
Union. She requested prayer for
two married sons who were not liv-
ing right. Join in prayer for these.
Let others write.

Mrs. Bettie Sossaman died at the
Marks Hospital December 31st. She
was a member of Elam Baptist
Church. Her body was brought back
to Coffeeville for burial. The writer
conducted the service. We sympa-
thize with the bereaved.

Regret to notice the going of
Rev. L. S. Cole from Marks to
Texas. He is a very successful pas-
tor and evangelist. May the Lord
bless him in his new field.

So far as he knows now the Lord
willing, the writer will have the
same work this year as last: Caf-
feeville, Scuna Valley, Pittsboro
and Coldwater in Neshoba.

Mr. Kermit Cofer, of Water Val-
ley, and Misses Eula Chapman and
Ruth McCormack, of Coffeeville,
represented Yalobusha County in
the Southwide Baptist Training
Union at Birmingham last week.
They report a great meeting.

The old year is dead, the new
year is here. Shall we make better
use of the days of the new than
we did of the old? Let us begin
early to give of our best to the
Master. It pays to serve Jesus, it
pays every way; it pays every step
of the way. Try it and see.

Miss Josephine Floyd

Our Heavenly Father called to
the heavenly home on Nov. 25,
1935, our beloved sister, Miss Jose-
phine Floyd.

She was only 22 years old, born
Feb. 3, 1913. Why death came just

at the meridian of her usefulness
we do not know. She suffered much,
and death was a great release. She
graduated from the Baptist Mem-
orial Hospital, Memphis, as a nurse
just one year ago. Her greatest joy
was to be of service to her Lord
and humanity.

Be it Resolved, That we, the
members of Coffeeville Baptist
Church, express our deepest sor-
row in her passing, and our appre-
ciation for her useful Christian life.
One of our best has gone.

May the Heavenly Father com-
fort and guide the sorrowing rela-
tives in their hours of grief.

Committee:

Miss Eula Chapman,

Miss Beth Criss,

Miss Ruth McCormack.

—BR—
COME AND SEE

On one occasion when two disci-
ples followed Jesus, he asked them,
"What seek ye?" They said unto
him, "Master, where dwellest
thou?" He said unto them "Come
and see." They "came" and they
"saw" where He dwelt.

A few days ago three ladies from
Brooklyn Baptist church and one
from Main Street Baptist Church,
Hattiesburg, drove the distance of
110 miles to Jackson, and like the
two disciples who followed Jesus,
when we arrived at the Baptist Or-
phanage said, "Boys and girls where
dwellest thou?" quickly they replied,
"Come and see."

We went from "cellar to garret"
and "saw" where they dwelt.

The printed page does a great
part to inform us in regard to our
duty as Baptists to this Home but
there is absolutely nothing so con-
vincing as a visit to this place.

Make a trip to this Home and
I dare you to come away without
an individual sense of responsibil-
ity.

There are some Baptists in Mis-
sissippi who contribute to this great
work or it could not be carried on,
but there are more of us who do
little, or nothing!

Shall we as individuals who make
up the Baptist denomination con-
tinue to let the sin of selfishness
rule us as we loll in the lap of lux-
ury, or shall we, at least some of
us, "go" and "see" and return to
our own homes, church and commu-
nities with a burning zeal to treat
fairly and squarely these little
charges of ours, using our influ-
ence to enlist others to do likewise
and above all to show our love by
obeying His commandments?

Shall we? Mrs. Will King.

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L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for January 12

THE SWAN SONG OF SIMEON THE SEER

Longer Lesson, Luke 2. Printed Text, Luke 2:25-35, 40.

At the age of eight days all Jewish boys were circumcised and named. So was our Lord Jesus. Notice that there is no word here said concerning baptism.

On the forty-first day after His birth, Jesus was presented in the temple, presented to the Lord, to whom as first born son of His mother He was holy, sanctified, set apart, especially devoted to the Lord's service. This took place according to the strict regulation of such matters among His people on the day after the fortieth of His life, that He and His mother might be declared ceremonially clean, that He might be presented to the Lord, and that He might be redeemed from the temple service. Every first born son was originally declared to be devoted to the religious service; but a later provision declared that the first born son should be redeemed by his parents, and that the redemption price became a part of the means of support of the tribe especially devoted to such service. Note again, that neither in the Old Testament law covering this case nor in the account here is there one word said as to baptism, hard as the advocates of the rite of infant baptism strive to twist and wring this into an illustration in support of that unscriptural practice. "There are three classes of scriptural passages on the subject of infant baptism: first, those in which infants are mentioned, but no mention is made of baptism; secondly, those in which baptism is mentioned, but no mention is made of infants; thirdly, those in which neither infants nor baptism are mentioned." (Gambrell).

We are told a number of things concerning Simeon. We may, I think, safely infer that he was an old man, from the fact that he pronounced himself now ready to die immediately upon seeing the baby Jesus. He had been waiting to see the Savior and, having now held Him in his arms, old Simeon was ready to depart. In addition to this hint as to his age, we are told that Simeon was: (1) "righteous," just, upright, (2) "devout," pious, reverent, religious, (3) "waiting," faithful, hopeful, expectant, (4) a prophet. "Holy Spirit was upon him." The Holy Spirit of prophecy revived when Jesus came. (5) Worthy to be a recipient of God's revelation. (6) Submissive, obedient. "Led by the Spirit." (7) Discerning. "Received him into his arms." Simeon instantly divines that this dimpled baby is the promised Christ. (8) Worshipful. "Blessed God" Simeon was a seer who beheld a vision and sang the glory of it.

What Simeon Saw

I. Christ, not a Creed or a Plan, but a Person.

"What is the plan of salvation?" I do not know all the answer to that question yet. Do you? "Who is my Savior?" Ah! I know Him! Know Him as my elder brother, my prophet from God, my priest before God, my King over all, blessed forever. "Do I have to believe a creed in order to be saved?" "No! I do not even have to know a creed. Thanks to my God! It is a person whom I believe, have faith in, trust. And this person in whom I believe is a human being, brother to all of them; and being brother to all of them, He is brother to each several one of them. I am one of them, hence, He is brother to me, to me, with all my suffering and sorrow and sin and shame. Simeon said, "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Simeon held his Savior in his arms, felt His body athrob with life, saw Him, knew Him, trusted Him, worshipped Him, confessed Him.

II. The World-Wide Scope of the Salvation Realized in Jesus.

Simeon had here the broad view of all things for his Lord. This was to Simeon no Messiah whose anointing was solely for the people of Jewish nationality. Here was no king whose regal authority was bounded by the confines of national Israel. Simeon worshipped here no Savior whose labors in behalf of lost men were to be confined to one corner of the earth or exercised for the behoof of one tribe. Prepared "Before the face of all the peoples." (Note the plural. The plural is correct). "A light and revelation to the gentiles." A multitude whom no man can number is to come to Him out of "every tribe and tongue and kindred and nation."

III. The Glory of Israel Is This Personal Christ.

The glory of anything in the raying forth, the manifestation, the evolution of all the excellencies involved in it. The excellencies of God make the glory of God. The excellencies of a peach tree manifested in a luscious peach are the glory of that tree. The excellencies of a queenly woman manifested in a fair and innocent and healthy baby upon her bosom, a youth under her forming hand, a daughter or a son whose life shall magnify the good, this is the glory of womanhood. In other words, the glory of anything upon this earth is seen in the finest product of that thing.

"The glory of thy people Israel." There is much that is glorious in the history of the people Israel. Think of the glory of God in Abraham, whom He led through a long, unsteady walk until Abraham learned to walk erect and straight. Think of the glory of God in Jacob, lounge-lizard, plotter, liar, and cheat, whom God made Israel, a Prince. Think of the glory of God in Moses, stammerer who became the greatest singer of all the ages, shepherd who became the greatest

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of all the sages and law-givers, foundling who became "The bravest warrior that ever buckled sword. The real glory of Israel, then, is the highest product of the race, Jesus, Son of Mary, Son of God.

The Lesson of the Vision

When and only when a man catches the vision of Christ that Simeon had, he is prepared to leave this world at the pleasure of the Lord. When a man sees Christ as Simeon saw Him, he is prepared to die when the Lord shall will. No man is prepared in any other wise. The will of the Lord, after the vision of the Christ, and a man is ready. Do you know the Christ? Have you caught this all-embracing vision?

GAMBRELL ST. CHURCH, FORT WORTH

Gambrell Street Baptist Church of Fort Worth which is the Seminary Church has experienced a good year's work. This church during all these years of struggle has never given less than one third of its income to outside causes. This is a small church and made up largely of students, yet last year we advanced according to the minutes of the association a little over 25 per cent in our total gifts. The Lord has blessed us with 336 additions in the last fifteen months. We had a net growth of a little over 40 per cent in church membership last

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year. Every department of the church shows a marked advance. The B. T. U. is having the fastest growth of any department. Miss Floy Barnard, a teacher in the Seminary, directs our unions. We have had three good revivals in the last 14 months, held by the pastor, Evangelist Hyman Appleman, and President L. R. Scarborough. All of these were good meetings. We are happy that all of these men are members of our church. We would get much greater results if we had adequate buildings and equipment. A building program is now being planned. Our students go to all parts of the world, we desire to send them with the right idea of a church and its mission to the world. Please remember our work in your devotions.

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THE BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB AND THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

By L. Howard Jenkins, President

There have been some very definite and tangible material benefits, but the benefits in the spiritual realm are beyond computation. No one can measure the spiritual blessings caused by the expansion of our work made possible by the reduction in the debt, and the new hope and courage in all our hearts. Only eternity itself will reveal the good accomplished in the hearts and lives of men and women around the world. It means more than the actual reduction in the debt on account of gifts received from the Club.

The reduction in the debt has enabled the Board to negotiate successfully with the banks for a lower rate of interest. . . . We would not have been able to approach the banks in good conscience had the debt remained at one million dollars or more, at which amount it stood a short time ago.

The payment we have been able to make on the debt, out of the money designated for that purpose, has meant an expansion in our work. There has been a net increase in the number of missionaries of 20. . . . If it had not been for the money received from the Club and other sources for the debt, it would have been necessary for the Board to make a radical curtailment in the work, and all the money thus saved, together with any increase of income, would have been applied to the debt, instead of to the work itself.

As a collateral benefit, the work of the Hundred Thousand Club has encouraged others to send in money for the debt through other channels. People have been impressed with the fact that the Foreign Mission Board intended to get out of debt. They have seen that the Board has meant what it said when it promised the denomination that it would live within its income, and pay its debts. It has given the denomination hope to believe that this debt will be paid in the next two or three years at the latest.

The reduction in the debt has re-established the credit of the Board and the denomination which was at a low ebb three years ago. At that time, the attitude of the bankers was such that they practically demanded that something be done about it. They made it plain that they wanted their money and that some definite steps must be taken to reduce the debt.

What would it mean if the Hundred Thousand Club ceased its efforts, or should there be failure in reaching its goal? . . . It would mean that the officers of the Board would be put in the position of having broken their promises . . . since we have made some very definite commitments to our creditors, and these creditors are looking to us to fulfill them. . . . It would mean another curtailment in our budget, a reduction in the number of our missionaries . . . and would have a very serious effect on the credit of the Board and the denomination. . . . It

would be tragic indeed to have our credit standing impaired after having re-established our credit with the banks.

Therefore, we shall have to look very largely to other sources for the payment of the rest of the debt. Three years ago the work of the Board was near utter collapse. Today we are looking forward to the time when the money spent for interest and debt can be spent on the missionary fields around the world. We look forward with hope and joy to the day when we can notify the denomination that the debt has been paid.

I plead with Southern Baptists to join the Hundred Thousand Club. If you have not joined, do so now, and encourage Dr. Tripp and his associates, as well as all the agencies of our denomination who share in the results of this work. . . . If you do your part you will be able to share with other Southern Baptists the joy that will be theirs when these debts are paid.

PHILIP, THE CLUB, AND THE HOSPITAL

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

Miss Irene Cooper is reporter for the New Orleans Times-Picayune. About a year ago, in an automobile accident, her neck was broken. Months of treatment in the Southern Baptist Hospital healed her injuries and she has been more interested in Healing Humanity's Hurt since then. The following story which appeared in the Times-Picayune a few days ago is from her pen and illustrates the need for the continuance of the Hundred Thousand Club:

Young Patient, In Hospital 29th Time In Eight Years, "Can Take It."

Philip Garrison of Yantley, Ala., can take it, when "taking it" means being a patient in a hospital 29 times in eight years—that's something!

But even 29 trips in eight years can't make him get used to it, he said Thursday as he lay on a bed in the Baptist Hospital on his 29th trip to that hospital.

"At least I'm not homesick any more," he said. "But, I sure was at first. I guess I'll never really get used to it, but I do know a lot of the doctors and nurses now and they come in to see me and that helps."

In the course of his hospital career he has spent three Thanksgivings and one Christmas in the hospital and according to present indications will spend next Christmas there. His mother, Mrs. E. C. Garrison, is with him, and that helps a lot, he said.

Philip is suffering from osteomyelitis, which is a wasting away of bones in the language of a layman. He made his first trip to the Baptist Hospital in 1928 when he was 15 years old and he is 22 now. In 1930 he was in the hospital four times. In 1931 and 1932 he was in the hospital twice each year. His health was much better in 1933 and 1934 and he didn't have to be in the hospital at all, but last Carnival he came to New Orleans and walked a lot. This was his undoing and he

came to the hospital twice in March, in June, and in September.

Now he is at home on the fifth floor of the Baptist Hospital for the fifth time this year. His crutches stand by his bed, but he isn't able to use them. In fact, for the last ten months he has been kept to his bed, he said, when he is able to be "up and around" he helps his father in his store in Yantley.

The last time he was a patient in the Baptist Hospital he was given a blood transfusion by Miss May Hinrichs, cashier at the hospital, but he hasn't had to have one this time.

"I just amuse myself by reading and talking," he said. "There isn't much I can do, of course, and I may take it but I sure don't like it."

The Hundred Thousand Club has been of material help to the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. Sharing in the distribution of receipts began in January, 1934; and in the two years which have elapsed we have received a total of \$7,329.33 from the Club. As our need seems to have been less, so our portion has been less than that of other agencies. But we have been blessed along with all the others.

Organization of the Hundred Thousand Club was not only wise but just. Economic depression had demoralized fiscal affairs. Southern Baptists were heavily in debt.

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THE REACHING OF THE GOAL OF 100,000 members of the Club in the VICTORY DRIVE during January and February would insure the speedy payment of all the Seminary's indebtedness, and would open up for it the greatest field of usefulness in its more than three-quarters of a century of service.

WE JOIN IN THE URGENT APPEAL that the Hundred Thousand Club movement be pressed to victory in the enrollment of 100,000 paying members, and that it be sustained until our debts are paid. Southern Baptists will then own in their Seminary a property worth two millions of dollars on which not a cent will be owed!

JOHN R. SAMPEY, President

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

I think I am in a position to guess what you got for Christmas. Was it a set of ten pins, or a pretty book, or a Shirley Temple doll, or a croquet set for the house, or a lovely dress, or silk underwear (even if you are a little girl), or a so-warm shoulder scarf, or sweet perfume, or—but I can't call them all! We had with us on Christmas day ten grown persons, some young, others not so young, and five children, from five to eleven years old, and there were many gifts for each one, piled high under the Christmas tree. Yesterday the last two, going nearly 1,300 miles to their home in Colorado, set out, and will get there, we think, tomorrow. Of course we are a little lonely, but so thankful that they could be with us again. And how nice a house is, when it is full of those we love!

Now, I want to hear from some of you about your Christmas. Ernest has already written, and I hope a good number will be sending us accounts of your happy times.

I sent this morning our December money to the Orphans and Bro. Cormier. The whole sum was \$61.58. How does that sound to you? Mighty good, to me, but we had some extra gifts. Bro. Cormier's check was for \$16.18, and Bro. Mize at the Orphanage will get one for \$45.40.

As to letters: Ernest sends a nice note, but now I look at it, I see it is more thanks than anything else. Dear me! Three people, all so grateful for one small present—it is more than I deserve. Then Bettie Toy from Brookhaven starts to tell us what she got, but breaks down as she looks at them. Do you know, I think that Shirley Temple doll's hair is prettier than Shirley Temple's?

Mrs. Vinzant writes a kind letter, and sends \$1.00 to join the Phillips birthday offering. That dollar does not have anything to do with her age, which may be very young; it only says she has a dollar she wants to give to our causes. Mrs. Lee tells her age, but sends a dollar. I really think she is bragging about her age, for she is a really young person for such an age and has the prettiest hair! A new member is the first to send the answer to the puzzle, so I'm putting it in with her little letter, Matilde Nevils. Nannie Mae sent a good one, too, but Matilde beat her to it, if you will pardon the expression. That has always been your trouble, hasn't it, Nannie Mae?

Mrs. Mayo has not gotten her second "Children's scripture lesson", in so I am putting in an extra one she sent in. It has three words in the answer like the one we have answered this week.

Much love and Happy New Year,
From
Mrs. Lipsey.

Mrs. Mayo's Puzzle

1. What stone is the ninth in the foundation of the wall of the New Jerusalem?
2. Whom did Esther invite to the banquet besides the king?
3. On how many did the tower of Siloam fall?
4. How many lepers failed to thank Jesus?
5. Who was the left-handed judge?
6. What destroyed Jonah's gourd?

7. What did the seven priests carry before the Ark in the siege of Jericho?

8. Who was third of the major prophets?

9. Give the name of the palace whose king chose Esther.

10. Where did the man live out of whom Jesus drove the devils into the swine?

11. In what city did Paul find an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown God"?

12. On what mountain was Solomon's Temple?

13. Who was Aaron's wife?

14. What ruler went to Christ by night?

15. What musical instrument did Miriam use in praising God?

Hamburg, Miss.,
Dec. 27, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I'm sending answers to puzzle. Hope you had a Merry Christmas. I am a little girl 11 years old. I'm in the seventh grade. I take music, and play for Sunday school.

Lots of love to you and the Orphans.

From,
Matilde Nevils.
Puzzle Answer

1. Tabitha
2. Honey
3. Egion

4. Barabbas
5. Abigail
6. Palace
7. Throne
8. Ivory
9. Simon
10. Twelve

11. Reuben
12. Eleazar
13. Carmel
14. Obed
15. Rehoboam
16. Delilah

Ans.: THE BAPTIST RECORD.

Mize, Miss.,
Dec. 31, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I certainly thank you for the nice Bible given me. I like it, too, because I earned it myself. I have enjoyed the puzzles so much.

Good luck, and a Happy New Year.

Nannie Mae Roberts.

You must show your love of God's Book, my dear, by reading it every day. And what a reward you will have in doing that!

Batesville, Miss.,
Dec. 21, 1935

My dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am inclosing a check for one dollar. Tomorrow is my birthday. I will be seventy-four. Can you believe it? I can't realize it, but if the record is correct it is true. I think that the Phillip's birthday offering is a good plan and that's why I'm sending it to you. I wanted to send something for the Orphans. How I wish the check was for thousands.

With love to you and yours,
Mrs. J. A. Lee.

You are setting a good example to our younger folks, Mrs. Lee besides giving a dollar to the Orphans. We send our love and thanks.

Star, Miss.,

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I want to thank you for the nice book you sent me. I appreciate it so much. I know I will enjoy reading it. Carolyn came and spent Christmas with me; she is walking everywhere and is talking some. Mother and Daddy thank you also for the nice book you sent me.

With much love,
From,

Ernest.

We are looking for you to tell us all about Christmas at your house, Ernest. You remember, you promised. How nice that Carolyn could be with you.

Brookhaven, Miss.,
Dec. 31, 1935.

Dear Ma:

Would you like for me to tell you what I got for Christmas. I know you would. Well, I got a Shirley Temple doll and desk, that's what Santa brought me. But I got most everything for my gifts. John Crawford, my brother, and I are sending you 25 cents. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas.

Love from,

Bettie Toy Lipsey.

Next time you must tell us a few more, Bettie, when the Christmas excitement has gone down. Yes, we had a good Christmas, didn't we? Thank you for the money for our two causes, my dear.

Burns, Miss.,
Dec. 26, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I, too, want to join the "Phillips' birthday offering." I am sending one dollar (\$1.00) to be given to the Orphanage and brother Cormier, 50-50. I have been a reader, and lover, of the Baptist Record for many years, and have been very much interested in "The Children's Circle," ever since you began editing it. I think it is a great thing to teach children to be "givers," while young, for if they do not get the habit then, they rarely do later.

I am a "shut-in," for, though, I have very good health myself, my husband has been in bed seven years. He, too, enjoys the Record, as I read it to him every Sunday.

Wishing you, and yours, much happiness during the coming year, I am,

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. J. Vinzant.

I believe the Phillips' birthday offering is the most popular thing we have, perhaps because we all can join it. Thank you for the gift, and here's hoping that you and Mr. Vinzant had a happy time together Christmas.

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The Southwide B. T. U. Conference

To the 137 registered delegates from Mississippi and the several car loads that did not register we need to say no word regarding the wonderful meeting that closed at ten o'clock last Friday night in Birmingham. The program was carried out just as planned with only one that we recall of the nearly one hundred who were assigned a part on the program not present. It ran at high tide all the way through, and we will never be able to get away from the influence of that highly spiritual meeting. We cannot begin to discuss the program here, but a great five year program was launched with each state pledging itself through the state secretary to cooperate to the fullest in making the next five years the most profitable we have ever known in our B. T. U. work. We ask you to re-read our state goals as published in last week's Record. We shall continue in Mississippi to magnify the Associational B. T. U., working through the director as we contact the individual churches and unions. For full and complete report of the Southwide Conference send 50c to the B. T. U. Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., for a copy of "Faith is the Victory" which is the proceedings of the conference, giving every address in full and full account of every conference.

The young people of your church are entitled to the very best training possible and the church has been entrusted with their training, and the pastor has been honored with the responsibility of leading the church in a worthy training program. Let one of your New Year resolutions be that the young people of your church shall not lack in opportunities for training and then for finding opportunities for service.

Study Course Requirements

The Study Course requirements being used by the Baptist Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention are listed below:

1. Individual credit on the Eight Point Record System is given every Sunday for twelve months following a successful examination on an approved text-book of the Baptist Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. Any B. Y. P. U. or B. A. U. may receive credit on the Standard of Excellence if fifty per cent of its members successfully pass an examination on an approved text book of the Baptist Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to the

courses in their respective departments, Seniors and Adults may receive credit on the Administration Courses. Intermediates may receive credit on the Intermediate Courses and also The Baptist Training Union Manual. The duration of the period of credit is twelve months following the date of completion of all study course requirements.

3. A grade of seventy per cent is the minimum for passing an examination. Examinations must be taken in writing, without aid of any kind.

4. Ten periods of forty-five minutes each, or the equivalent, required in each class for the completion of each book.

5. Class members must attend at least six of the ten periods in order to be eligible for the class examination and credit. (All who fail to meet the requirement for attendance upon at least six class sessions, or, who for other valid reasons cannot take the class examination, may take a special examination, but must answer at least twenty questions. They must meet all the other requirements. Their names should be sent on a separate blank.)

6. Examinations may be taken by correspondence. The State Baptist Training Union Department or the Baptist Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will submit questions for such examinations. The same requirement that applies to classes as to grade and written examination is made here but at least twenty questions must be answered without aid of book or other helps.

7. Each one taking an examination in a class, special examination, or by correspondence is required to read the book through. (Those who do not have time to read the whole book during the week of the study are required to pledge that they will read it within two weeks. Each one taking the examination by correspondence must read the book before taking the examination.

8. Credits are not interchangeable. The credits are granted only as advertised for each book and no diploma or seal may be granted for any other book than the one it is published for.

FROM REFUGIO, TEXAS

To my many friends in Mississippi:

For nine years it was my privilege and pleasure to live among you, and to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marks. However, I was never able to get away from the desire to come back to Texas. From time to time I have come back over here for revival meetings. Then the call came to become pastor of the First Baptist Church here. In giving up the work at

Marks, we leave a host of friends.

God greatly blest our labor there at Marks and Walnut and Sledge.

We had full-time at Marks until the depression hit, and because of the debt on the church we had to return to half-time. The pastor accepted a reduction of more than two thousand dollars per year in salary. But some things count more than money. We have had a fine spirit in our church during our stay there.

Within the past year the members of the Riverside Church sold their building and more than 75 per cent of the members had come into the First Church before we left there, and with a fine spirit of cooperation.

During my pastorate at Marks there were more than a thousand received in the field of my work of Marks: Walnut (one afternoon appointment) and Sledge, (with 794 of them being received for baptism). Hundreds of those baptized were people out in the rural district around Marks, where the pastor preached in school houses and under wagon sheds in the summer time.

May the Lord bless the work there and lead those people in the selection of the right man for pastor.

L. S. Cole.

FROM THE COAST

Rev. E. S. Flynt has closed out the fifth year as pastor of Handsboro Baptist Church, Handsboro, and three years as pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Biloxi, a field that has been supported by the State Mission Board for years and no doubt will have to be supported for years to come.

Five years ago the membership at Handsboro numbered 72. Today it is 122, there having been 72 additions to the church during this time.

During the past five years, a new roof has gone on the church house, seven Sunday school rooms have been built, the pastor's home has been finished and painted, a fence has been built about the home, shrubbery planted and many other improvements that cannot be mentioned here. This has been accomplished without having cost the State Board or the church as such, one dime. Nothing but the best material has been used.

Three years ago the membership at the Second Baptist Church, Biloxi, was 52. Today it is 130, there having been 86 additions to the church during this time.

During the past three years, the little one room frame building has been removed and a large two story stucco building has taken its place. This building when finished will have 14 Sunday school rooms, all in the basement. The basement has a concrete floor and the walls are ceiled. The main auditorium has been finished. It seats 250 persons. The auditorium is entered over concrete steps leading to a concrete porch. This building, when finished, will not cost over \$2,000.00. It will be worth no less than six or eight thousand dollars. Dr. Gunter stated

when he saw the building, "The days of miracles are not over."

During the past year these churches gave \$75.00 through the Cooperative Program, \$70.00 to the state debt, and \$12.00 to the Hundred Thousand Club, a total amount of \$157.00.

No doubt much more progress should have been made. If the pastor could have realized his heart's desire, much more progress would have been made. However, all honor and all glory for what has been done is laid at the feet of the Lord.

B. T. U. ATTENDANCE JAN. 5TH

Jackson, First Church	177
Jackson, Calvary Church	172
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	251
Jackson, Parkway Church	60
Jackson, Northside Church	55
Columbus, First Church	180
Brookhaven, First Church	165
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H. E. DANA
The Mississippian

Harvey Eugene Dana was born in Warren County, Mississippi, near the city of Vicksburg, June 21, 1888. His early education was received in the country schools. In 1906 he entered Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, from which he graduated in 1911 with the Ph.B. degree. By doing additional work in Mississippi College and the University of Chicago he received his A.B. degree in 1919. He graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with the Th.M. in 1919 and the Th.D. in 1920. Further graduate work was done in the University of Chicago and the University of Dubuque. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Antioch Baptist Church when thirteen years of age. In 1908 he was ordained to the Baptist ministry, and in 1909 was married to Miss Tommy Pettit of Vicksburg. He began teaching as a student instructor in the Southwestern Seminary in 1918, and was assigned a full professorship in Greek New Testament in 1921.

The objective of the New Testament courses of the Southwestern Seminary is twofold. The first is to enable the student to secure a thorough knowledge of the New Testament and the competency to properly interpret it. The historical-scientific method is employed in interpretation. The New Testament teachers seek to deal honestly with all the facts, but to give supreme attention to the redemptive message which the inspiring Spirit has given us. The other objective is to inspire the student to preach the message of the New Testament. It is taught as a living book, and a life-giving book. Our highest hope is to make great preachers of the eternal gospel.

This Mississippian has made a brilliant record in the great Southwest, as teacher and preacher, and Mississippi Baptists can well be proud of this product of their missionary enterprise.

—Fred A. McCaulley,
Seminary Publicity Director

Flash: The First Baptist Church of Jackson made our children happy on Christmas Eve with a big Christmas tree loaded with gifts for every child in our Home. The entire staff greatly appreciates these tokens of love to our children.—W. E. Farr, Supt., Baptist Orphanage.

THE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

By Rufus W. Weaver, Executive Secretary District of Columbia

1. The Hundred Thousand Club is the only way now open to Southern Baptists for the reduction of the debt. If I wish to see this debt reduced by the action of the Convention itself, the only plan which I am permitted to follow is to join the Hundred Thousand Club.

2. The Hundred Thousand Club is the simplest way. Each member pays one dollar a month. If one hundred thousand Baptists do this the debt is reduced in a single year \$1,200,000.00 and in less than five years the whole indebtedness will be wiped out.

3. The Hundred Thousand Club is the most practical way, because every dollar paid goes directly to the reduction of the principal itself. Not a cent is paid for interest.

4. The Hundred Thousand Club is the fairest way, because every member who joins does so without making any reduction in his contributions to the regular work, but pays a dollar a month over and above to loosen from the chains of debt our Boards and our Institutions. This enables us to carry on the regular work as we have done in the past.

5. The Hundred Thousand Club is the surest way. Every year that debt is lessened.

6. The Hundred Thousand Club is the easiest way, because it places no heavy obligation upon anyone. There are five hundred thousand Baptists in the South who, if their attention were called to this as mine has been, would pay the entire indebtedness within twelve months.

7. The Hundred Thousand Club is the most effective way, provided we are able to get those who are interested in the promotion of our Baptist work to accept a personal responsibility. Those who join may take as many memberships as they wish.

To belong to the Hundred Thousand Club is really a distinction and no Southern Baptist who is loyal to the causes supported by the Southern Baptist Convention can, when this matter has been presented to his attention, furnish a sound argument for disapproving the plan, or, if times are getting better for him, a just excuse for not becoming a member.

A WORTHY CAUSE

By J. T. Henderson, Gen. Secy.
Baptist Brotherhood of the South
Knoxville, Tenn.

The Hundred Thousand Club has merit and should make a winning appeal, for several reasons:

First, its purpose is worthy; namely, to provide funds for the payment of honest debts. It is in accord with Bible teaching: "Owe no man anything but to love one another." "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." It would give our beloved denomination high business rating, "a good report of them that are without."

Second, we have received large

returns from the money borrowed. It has enabled us to minister to the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of multiplied thousands through hospitals, orphanages, Relief and Annuity Board, Christian schools and Mission Boards.

Third, it is practicable. It calls for only one hundred thousand members in a constituency of more than four million. It should be comparatively easy to find this number, who will be both willing and glad to contribute one dollar a month. A dollar a month by 100,000 members would pay all the Southwide debts in five years.

Fourth, the appeal should be the more attractive because every dollar secured applies on the debts. The Sunday School Board generously provides for the expenses.

Fifth, the Cooperative Program, commendable as it is, does not provide funds sufficient to care properly for the current support of our enterprises and at the same time appropriate much on the debts.

Sixth, it makes its leading appeal to the sacrificial spirit, the exercise of which always enriches life. The motive is high. Many of our more zealous members are already putting as much as one-tenth into local support and the Cooperative Program. This is ideal. Enlisting in this Club would then be going the "second mile."

Seventh, if we do not support this plan, so simple and feasible, we must continue to expend needed funds in payment of interest and still suffer the handicap of debt with all its depressing and divisive influences.

Suggestions

Let the State Brotherhood chairmen give this cause large publicity through the denominational press and also seek to enlist a wide-awake layman in every association by letter and the use of tracts. This keyman can unite with pastors and other leaders in having this enterprise well presented to the laymen of each association.

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A CHRIST BIRTHDAY REVIVAL

Chester Swor, prince among many Christians, came to First Church, Philadelphia, for a brief Christmas revival tonic to our folks and we were not disappointed. The weather was the coldest in my experience for a local service and though many folks looked after their health, leaving the Lord to look after His causes, many young people with some adults were constant in attendance. After services afforded fellowship periods as well as helpful conference periods. Six services were held the Sunday closing the brief series. A fine consecration period featured the last service.

Yours in service,

D. A. McCall.

—BR—

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NEW MANAGER AT RIDGECREST BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Dr. J. O. Williams

We are anxious that the brotherhood of the Southern Baptist Convention know about the new management at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Mr. R. F. Staples, who has managed the Assembly for ten years, recently presented his resignation. It has been accepted and Mr. Perry Morgan of Raleigh, N. C., has been elected as his successor, and will assume the duties on February 1, 1936.

Mr. Morgan is a native of North Carolina, having been born in Dunn. He spent the first thirty-two years of his life in his home town and conducted a prosperous business. During the entire time he was interested continually in the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. in his church. On April 1, 1920, Mr. Morgan began his work as the Baptist Training Union Secretary of North Carolina, in which position he served for about eight years. During that time the number of B. Y. P. U.'s increased from 450 with a membership of 20,000 to 2,216 Unions with an enrollment of 63,119.

In connection with the work in the two positions mentioned above, Mr. Morgan has also served in other useful denominational activities, such as Secretary of the Training Commission of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and also several years as Statistical Secretary and Promotion Chairman of the Baptist State Convention, leading in the Every Member Campaign, an annual enrollment of North Carolina churches. Also he has served as General Manager of North Carolina Seaside and Mountain Summer Assemblies of Morehead City and Mars Hill College, as well as being in charge of the program during the annual North Carolina week at Ridgecrest.

These wide and varied experiences have thoroughly qualified Mr. Morgan for the place as manager of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. In addition to this, the members of the Board, and Mr. Morgan also, have a consciousness that the Lord has led him to this position. Mr. Morgan's business ability, his denominational experiences, his knowledge of the Baptist people and their program, his earnest desire for the leadership of the Lord, his large vision, all qualify him eminently for the place he is called upon to fill at this time. Surely, great days are ahead of us for the Assembly at Ridgecrest.

MISS. COLLEGE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

On Friday night, December 13, 1935, the Ministerial Association of Mississippi College reached its mountain-top of experiences. We only wish there had been a multitude of people present to share in our deep soul stirring happiness. We were honored by a farewell address by Leo Eddleman, of Clinton, a former member of our association and a graduate of our Seminary at Louisville, Ky., who is

home for a short visit just before sailing for Palestine.

What greater honor could come to a man today than to be selected as a missionary to go to the Holy Land as a messenger of our Lord. Leo spoke from the subject: "Two Qualifications of a New Testament Preacher." We felt as if this was a message direct from the throne of God. We are praying for you, Leo, that you may live your life for Christ who died His death for you.

To show that the student pastors are interested in and helping with the practical work of the denomination, I wish to give a statement of what the churches pastored by twelve of the student-pastors gave to the Investment Campaign and the Orphanage in the Thanksgiving offering. A total of \$191.95 was given to the Investment Campaign, and \$306.85 was given to the Orphanage, making a total of \$498.80. There are 18 pastors among the students, but some did not have the information from their churches. We covet the prayers of all Christians that we may train ourselves to do the Lord's will.

Yours in the Lord's work,
M. C. Waldrup, Reporter.

AN ESTIMATE OF VALUE

Who can estimate the value of a good man? As a friend Dr. Harry Lee Spencer is one of the truest any one has ever had. As a collaborator for nearly seven years I found Dr. Spencer ethical, going the second mile in all of his dealings both with his brethren and as a denominational worker.

As pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, he was dearly loved by the entire membership and his going from them was both a severe shock and loss, however, he had built so wisely and well that I find that his work goes on even though the flock is without a shepherd. The church loved him so well that it would not let him go without holding a meeting the last week of his stay. I had the privilege of attending this meeting and greatly enjoyed it. It was in every sense of the word a great meeting. Dr. Spencer is not only a great pastor but he is also one of our finest evangelists. We appreciate him so much that we have had him in two revivals in our church and hope to have him again in the near future.

In the going of Dr. Spencer from our midst Mississippi Baptists have lost not only one of our best preachers but a man who is loyal to the whole program. We give him up

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Reverend A. C. Parker

PREACHERS BE CAREFUL

Believe it or not, we have three, or at least we had three children in the Home but one of them was kicked by a mule and went on home to Heaven, and these three children should have been in the Feeble Minded Colony near Ellisville, but they were recommended to this institution by one of the leading pastors in Mississippi. Preachers be careful! Do not recommend children unless you know they are sound of mind and body. This is not a place to dump the feeble minded and I am sure this pastor would not have done this had he thoroughly investigated the case.

Again, one of the Baptist pastors, pastor of one of the largest churches in Mississippi helped to put three children in the home, bringing one of them from another state into this state and the father of these children is living and making a good salary. Now these children should be under that father's care. But authorities trusted this preach-

er. We must trust you men and we do trust you, therefore see that the children are absolutely orphans and are sound of mind and body. Do this, will you please?

This should be an Orphanage and by the help of God and the good folks, we are going to make it that. I know of no other way to do it but be just a little bit hard-boiled.

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When those ancient wise men saw the Star of Bethlehem, they were amply repaid for any of the dangers or hardships they may have encountered on the journey. They had discovered the star and knew that it was a sign of the advent of Israel's king, and that the way to Him who was to be "the desire of all nations," led to the land of Israel; but now they needed to be directed in a more definite way in order that they might come to the object of their worship and adoration. "They rejoiced exceedingly when they saw the star."

We believe that this coming year will be a time of blessing and victory for many, and that He will cause to shine on us a clear and unfailing light that will lead us into more fruitful fields of service for Him.

"In God's own might,
He girds us for the coming fight
We gird for the coming fight
And, strong in Him whose cause is ours
In conflict with unholy powers,
We grasp the weapons He has given,—
The Light, the Truth, and Love of Heaven."

"Whittier."

In our search for the "Divine leading" there are some very special things that we need to pray earnestly for; and one of these requests should be that the light of that star will shine so brightly into our hearts that we will be able to discover anything lurking there, that is wrong in God's sight; any sin or wrong attitudes of heart and mind. Repentance and confession are just as necessary now as they were when John wrote the book of Revelation. A few weeks ago, we asked a small boy in our Sunday school class, what is meant by "confession of sin"? He answered, "Oh, it just means owning up to God, the bad things you have done." It is true that God cannot bless those people who are unwilling to own up to their sins and shortcomings. The "over-coming" Christian is the one who obediently allows the Holy Spirit to work with and through him in any way that He sees fit. We will never see results in our Christian service until we come to this place of humility and obedience. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24.

Another and most necessary attitude of heart, is that we be willing to "be still" and give the Holy Spirit the opportunity of guiding us. To do this means that we must be willing to submit all our plans and wishes to Him. Let us ask and be willing to accept His definite leadership. We have failed and fallen down on our task because we have been going on, on our own initiative and in ways of our own choosing. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6.

We need to pray that the guiding star will lead us into a greater

faith in God, the great omnipotent One; He who is able to bring the impossible to pass, for "there is nothing too hard" for Him to do. The wise men "believed" and they actually came to see the desire of their hearts. No wonder that they rejoiced exceedingly "for they realized that they would look into the face of Him who was to bring about the "restitution of all things" under His kingly rule. If He should again make His appearance in this year of 1936, would we be found rejoicing and falling down to worship Him?" And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." Thess. 1:10.

Mrs. H. A. Waggoner
Jackson, R. 2.

A HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ON THE GULF COAST OF MISSISSIPPI

Through the efforts of Rev. J. B. Hamberlin and others it was decided that the Baptist churches in New Orleans, La., and vicinity; those along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, and the churches in Mobile, Ala., and vicinity, would meet with the Providence Association at its twenty-second annual session, meeting with the St. Francis Street Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., at 10 o'clock A. M., May 26, 1877. The session was opened with Rev. Wm. Spence moderator and Rev. A. B. Couch, clerk. After some discussion as to what to do with the churches at New Orleans, La., the following resolution was offered and accepted. Resolved: "That the Providence Association be, and is hereby dissolved, for the purpose of forming a new association." The Providence Association was declared dissolved.

On May 26, 1877, the Gulf Coast Baptist Association was organized. It had as its first officers, Wm. A. Buck, moderator; M. B. Richmond, clerk and Israel Putman, treasurer. Fifteen churches went into the new organization, covering the territory from Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans, La. Union, Brook, Cedron, Ocean Springs, Moss Point, Bay St. Louis, Biloxi First, Zion, Shell Bank, Handsboro, Scranton, (now Pascagoula, Miss.), St. Francis St., Broad St., Palmetto St., Coliseum Place and the First Church, New Orleans, La.

The first session was held with the Moss Point Baptist Church Friday, May 24th, 1878. The sermon was preached by Dr. N. W. Wilson, from the text, "Ye must be born again." Dr. T. J. Walne represented the Baptist Mission Board of Mississippi, Dr. J. B. Gambrell represented the Baptist Record, and Dr. W. D. Maguirk represented the Southern Baptist Convention.

The churches in Alabama withdrew from the Gulf Coast Baptist Association during its third session, to unite with an association in Alabama. The churches in New Orleans continued through 1896. I do not have the exact date they withdrew.

The Gulf Coast Baptist Association held forty-six sessions and the name was changed to Harrison

County Baptist Association. This change was made in September 1924. In 1934 at the eleventh annual session of the Harrison County Baptist Association, meeting with the First Baptist Church, Gulfport, it was suggested, since churches from Stone and Hancock Counties were represented in the associational meetings and is a part of the association, that the name be changed to Tri-County Baptist Association. The Gulf Coast Baptist Association is now the Tri-County Baptist Association.

E. S. Flynt,
Association Clerk.

MUSIC CONFERENCE

This year's session of the Southwest Baptist Church Music Conference, held at the Fort Worth Seminary, December 16 and 17, was well attended and presented a program that was comprehensive and inspiring.

Those attending, aside from the residents from Seminary Hill, came from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee. They represented smaller towns and communities as well as the large city churches. Among the speakers and conference leaders were Mr. Harry Wooten of Dallas, Prof. Carnet of Memphis, E. O. Sellers of New Orleans, Dr. Millard Jenkins of Abilene, Texas, Professors Reynolds and McNealy of the Seminary faculty, John Raymond of Shreveport, La., and Secretary T. C. Gardner of the Texas B. T. U.

Every year this conference grows in depth of interest and breadth of representation. That it is rapidly gaining recognition and influence was seen by the attendance of college music teachers, gospel singers, church organists, pastors and the space given to it by the local Fort Worth press. Among the resolutions adopted was one addressed to the Sunday School Board of Nashville, asking that Board to extend the scope of such conferences to include the entire Southern Baptist territory. It was the judgment of the Convention that better church music is not primarily a question of a song book but the promotion of ideals of worship and the knowledge of hymns and other forms of church music that have scriptural, literary and high grade musical values.

Professor Reynolds, assisted by a chorus of nearly one hundred voices and an orchestra of thirty-five pieces, closed the conference with the twenty-fourth annual presentation of the oratorio, "The Messiah." This is now considered one of the great musical events of the city of Fort Worth. Mr. Reynolds did the unusual thing by presenting the entire oratorio, a program of three hours duration, something seldom done anywhere.

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